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SUMMARY.

Russia recently made proposals to France for raising funds, but France would not accept the proposals.

Owing to the refusal, the French Ambassador was so coolly received by the Czar that he asked to be recalled.

The Portuguese Premier says the people are devoted to the monarchy. Had revolution been possible the crime would have prevented it.

Senhor Franco, ex-Premier, has definitely retired. It is said one of the three men killed during the assassination was an innocent spectator.

Leaders of the Manchester unemployed threatened to seize the grounds of Windsor Castle.

They said they would put it to better use than the King.

Mr. W. J. Bryan, a democratic candidate for the Presidency, eulogised the crusade of honesty made by President Roosevelt.

He then said that the New York Stock Exchange had graduated more embezzlers than Fagin's school did thieves.

Sir Arthur Vicars refused the office of Ulster King of Arms. Yesterday his dismissal was regularly formulated. A law suit may follow.

Eleven Irish land leaguers were committed for preventing the Congested Districts Board allotting land at Frenchpark to a stranger.

Master Bonner dismissed the action brought by G. H. Druce against Lord Howard de Walden claiming the estates of the fifth Duke of Portland.

An amazing diary written by Mrs. Robinson relating to a Bible presented her by the Duchess of Gloucester has been published.

The Denshawi prisoners, sentenced for murdering British officers in Egypt in 1906, were released on January 7.

The headman at Chabarooak, Russia, with 11 of his relations, was killed. The assassins secured 18,600 roubles.

A serious outbreak of foot and mouth disease has occurred in Georgie, Midlothian, Scotland.

The Special Court did not sit at Newcastle yesterday. Its members visited the Northumberland and Northern Extended collieries.

Burwood pit was idle. The boys were absent, and the miners were willing to go below, but refused to take the horses.

The general secretary of the Federation addressed the boys at Broadmeadow last night, a number of whom said they would resume work.

The Royal Commission to inquire into the "creeps" at Newcastle sat yesterday. The Chief Inspector of Mines gave evidence.

He stated that the Cathedral probably suffered by being on the boundary between two creeps, and affected by both of them.

It was impossible to approach old workings owing to fire and water. The fire was a sort of suppressed combustion.

A deputation waited upon the Premier yesterday to complain of the new regulations giving preference to certain vessels loading coal at Newcastle.

Mr. Earp, M.L.C., who introduced the deputation, said that vessels should take their turn as they arrived.

Mr. Learmonth said that although the trade had considerably increased the facilities for shipping had not.

The Premier said that preference would only be given on special occasions.

The Chief Railway Commissioner said he had neither the power nor the means to supply extra accommodation.

The Federal Government intends to have an expert appointed to superintend the development of the fishing industry in Australia.

The Minister for Works has inspected the Barren Jack railway system, and is now visiting the area to be irrigated.

He is pleased with the work, but urges everyone to greater exertion, being confident that much revenue will be earned by the railway.

A fire, which completely destroyed the Farmers' Co-operative Retail Stores, occurred in Timaru, N.Z. The damage amounted to £70,000.

Vice-Admiral Poore, the new Commander-in-Chief on the Australian station, will assume command at Melbourne on the 21st inst.

It is anticipated that a conference of Premiers will be held in Melbourne, commencing April 6.

Mr. Swinburne has accepted the invitation of the Minister for Agriculture to hold a fruit conference in Sydney on 22nd or 24th inst.

The Immigration League intends inaugurating a series of lectures throughout the city and suburbs to awaken enthusiasm.

The population of South Australia increased during 1907 by 12,186, the best addition since 1881.

Requiem Mass will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral at 10.30 on Saturday for the late King and Crown Prince of Portugal.

Madame Melba was given an official reception at Albury yesterday. She afterwards sang in the new theatre.

The position in the timber trades dispute remained practically unaltered yesterday.

The position in connection with the rabbiters' strike at Narrandera is unchanged, and no rabbits are being supplied to the local works.

No less than 7000 pairs of rabbits were trapped in the Blayney district recently in one day.

At the Bellingen Shire Council election, owing to the presiding officer not initialling the voting papers, one candidate received 75 informal votes.

The proposal to establish a municipal dispensary is meeting with strong opposition from many quarters.

A permanent water supply is to be provided at Coledale. The railway station is to be enlarged and a better train service given.

A quarrel over a horse set two men fighting at Pitt Town on Tuesday. It spread to five, who fought with palings.

Some 50 residents turned out and took sides, hammering each other with palings and saplings. Many were injured, and medical advice was called in.

Heavy seas broke on board the Union Company's steamer Moeraki during Monday last on her voyage to Wellington.

Part of the deck cargo was carried away, railings were smashed, and a passenger named Grant injured.

Local residents complain that the watering of the troops at the Easter encampment, near Liverpool, will deprive them of part of their supply.

Another Chinese was committed at Bendigo yesterday on a charge of being in possession of gold quartz supposed to have been stolen.

The body of a man was found in Vaucluse Bay yesterday. It had been in the water five days. Two bricks were in the pockets.

The A.U.S.N. Company's steamer Maranoa is ashore about 50 miles south of Cape Grenville.

The only change in the Australian cricket team which is to meet England to-day is the inclusion of S. E. Gregory in the place of Hartigan.

In many country districts the grass has already shown considerable growth since the late rains.

A man named Rex was pulled into the water, and nearly drowned, by a large fish which he had hooked, at Seymour (Vic.).

Walter Mackley, a man of weak intellect, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment at Horsham, Vic., yesterday, for attempting to wreck a train.

Charles Louis Campbell, 37, shot himself in the head with a revolver in Spicer-street, Woollahra, last evening.

He had been drinking, and had had a difference with his wife the previous evening. His condition is serious.

There was a light supply of sheep in the Homebush market yesterday, and values hardened on last Monday's improved rates.

The supply of cattle was a moderate one, and included one draft of 200 head from Queensland. Values for prime quality were very firm.

Prices were steady on 'Change this morning. Silver shares were quiet, and Mount Morgans remarkably firm.

Weather Forecast.—Unsettled and muggy, especially inland. Rain slowly approaching from North-west Central Australia. Southerly winds and showers on coast.

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MACKAY, BOWEN, TOWNSVILLE (Town Wharf), TOWNSVILLE (Jetty Wharf), LUCINDA‡, GERALDTON‡, MOURILYAN‡, CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, COOKTOWN. — ARAWATTA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., February 11. WODONGA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., February 18. WYANDRA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., February 25.

THURSDAY ISLAND, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN. — MAREEBA (Cargo only), TO-MORROW, Saturday, noon, February 8. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)

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BERMAGUI, TATHRA.—S.S. EDEN, MONDAY, 2 p.m.
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Now, in order to keep faith with the public, we have decided to allot the prizes as originally intended, and, having carefully gone through the tabs and trademarks sent in, we have much pleasure in announcing the names of the prize-winners. The prizes are now being distributed.

1st SPECIAL PRIZE.—An order for £10 worth of Drapery on Messrs. W. T. Waters and Co., The Block, George-street, Sydney, won by Mrs. HAINSWORTH, PARRAMATTA.

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3rd SPECIAL PRIZE.—An order on Mr. H. F. Smith, The People's Jeweller, 480 George-street, Sydney, for one Sterling Silver Watch, value £3, won by T. G. KING, 104 WESTON-ROAD, BALMAIN.

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LOST, Gold Necklet and Cross, between Albany and Corunna rds. Marguerite, Corunna-rd, Stanmore.

LOST, Thursday, Gold Pigstye Bracelet, turquoise, pearls; gd. rwd. Murrulla, Martin-rd, Cent. Park.

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STRAYED, from Strathfield, Bay Horse, indistinct brand near shldr. Reward. Oberon, Everton-rd.

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FOUND, city, Gold Bracelet, owner have same, descrip. Clevbury, 298 Unwin's Bridge-rd, St. Peters.

FOUND, Tuesday, Clarence-st, Gold Scarf Pin. Write J. Lecky. Longueville.

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	10lb	11 6	10 6
	20lb	22 0	20 6
C Quality—	5lb	7 0	6 3
	10lb	13 6	12 0
	20lb	26 6	24 ?

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		Usual Price.	Reduced to
D Quality—	5lb tin	8 6	7 ?
	10lb	16 0	14 ?
	20lb	31 0	28 0
E Quality—	5lb	9 8	9 3
	10lb	18 0	16 6
	20lb	35 0	32 0
F Quality—	5lb	12 0	11 0
	10lb	23 0	21 0
	20lb	45 0	41 0

FINE CHINA TEAS.

		Usual Price.	Reduced to
A Quality—	5lb tin	3 9	3 6
	10lb	7 3	6 9
	20lb	14 0	13 0
B Quality—	5lb	4 9	4 3
	10lb	9 3	8 6
	20lb	18 0	16 6
C Quality—	5lb	6 0	5 6
	10lb	11 6	10 6
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	20lb	26 6	24 0
E Quality—	5lb	8 6	7 9
	10lb	16 0	14 6
	20lb	31 0	28 0
F Quality—	5lb	9 6	8 9
	10lb	18 0	16 6
	20lb	35 0	32 0

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3 Bound full Russia, elastic band and pencil, 6 x 3½ in.	3 9	3 0
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10 Bound full seal, size 5 x 3½ in.	2 0	1 6
8 Bound full seal, size 6 x 3½ in.	2 3	1 9
20 Imitation Seal, size 6½ x 3½ in.	1 3	1 0

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24 Midget Frames Silver, Heart shape	1 3	1 0
240 Midget Frames, Glass, Hand-painted	0 3	0 2
84 Midget Frames, Glass, Hand-painted, Double	0 5	0 3
10 Midget Frames, Silver Medallion	1 0	0 9
30 Cabinet Frames, Silver on Plush	2 6	1 9
36 Cabinet Frames, Silver on Oak	2 7	2 0
18 Cabinet Frames, Medallion, Fancy wood	1 0	0 9
36 Cabinet Frames, Medallion, Glass, Painted	0 9	0 6
72 Double Cabinet Frames, Glass, Painted	0 7½	0 6
24 Double Cabinet Frames, Fancy Wood	2 6	1 11
30 Paris Panels, Fancy Wood	2 6	1 11
100 Paris Panels, Glass, bevelled	2 3	1 9
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3 Antelope Gilt Photo Screens	9 0	5 6
3 Antelope Gilt Photo Screens	10 0	6 0
2 Antelope Gilt Photo Screens	7 0	4 6
6 Photo Wallets, Fancy Leather	5 0	3 0
3 Photo Wallets, Fancy Leather	9 0	5 6
12 Paris Panel Medallions, Velvet and White Metal	2 3	1 6
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TO THE ELECTORS.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,—

I thank you very sincerely for your vote of last Saturday, by which you returned me at the head of the poll as one of your representatives in the Shire Council for the ensuing three years. It is very gratifying to me that out of 286 electors who exercised their franchise I should receive 265 votes.

It will be my endeavour, with the help of my brother councillors, to place the affairs of the Shire Council on a proper business basis, in which, I am sorry to say, they are lacking at present.

There will be need of much thought and careful consideration on the part of your representatives for some time to come, and until things are in a satisfactory financial condition you must not look for the expenditure of money when there are practically no funds to operate upon.

I will only promise this, that whatever business ability and municipal experience I possess I will use it for the best interests of the whole Shire, and trust that such measures will be adopted as will tend to a better state of local government.—Yours very truly, G. J. WATERHOUSE.

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MEDLOW BATH	"	10.22
KATOOMBA	"	10.33
LEURA	"	10.37
WENTWORTH FALLS	"	10.44
LAWSON	"	10.59
		p.m.
STRATHFIELD	"	12.30
SYDNEY	arr.	12.45

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MEDICAL. Fully Qualified MEDICAL PRACTITIONER required for a rising Agricultural District in N. W. Tasmania, 25 miles from Burnie, and 12 miles from Sheffield, with guarantee of £100 per year (for 3 years). The Practice will be worth at least £250 a year. Applications, up to FEBRUARY 27, to be addressed to Mr. T. J. CLERKE, Wilmot, Tasmania.

NURSE, private hospital, Prot., without any previous experience. Glue's Agency, 65 Elizabeth-st.

OFFICE JUNIOR wanted, able to typewrite. Apply by letter, S. S., Herald Office.

OFFICE BOY, for solicitor's office. Apply Box 181, G.P.O.

PAINTERS. Smart Improver wanted. 62 Gipps-st, back Greenwood Tree Hotel, opp. Barracks, S.

PAINTERS.—Two good Second-grade, and Improver. Lane Cove Whf., Circular Q., long jobs, 9 o'clock.

PLUMBERS.—Improver, used to galv. roofing. Apply early, Stanley Terrace, next Town Hall, P'sham.

PLUMBER.—Wanted, a General HAND. Apply Morgan, 17 Park-st, Camperdown.

PLUMBER BOY, used to trade. W. Sager, opp. Trafalgar-st, A'dale, nr. Johnston-st, 7.30.

PRINTERS.—Wanted, first-class Platten Machinist. Builder Printing Works, 527 Kent-st, Sydney.

PRINTER'S MACHINIST wanted, take charge two-feeders, Wharfedale, must thoroughly understand mechanism and operation of this class of machine; permanent position and good wages to competent man. Copies references and state wages required to Box 127, G.P.O.

SHIRTMAKERS, Fronts, Seamers, constant. Simpson, Knox-st, near Grace Bros.

SHOEING SMITH wanted for country, 1s per hour. Apply Grimley, Ltd., 263 Clarence-st.

SMART BOY wanted for office. Apply William Brooks and Co., Ltd., 17 Castlereagh-st, Sydney.

SMART BOY for boot shop, 7s 6d per week. T. Dowling, 716 George-st.

SMART BOY, for photo. works. Apply early, with references, Empire Works, 525 Kent-st.

SMART LADS wanted, just from school. Mick Simmons, Haymarket.

STEREOTYPER'S ASSISTANT wanted. Turner and Henderson, 254 George-st.

SEAMAN WANTED, for Training Ship Sobraon, must be sober, steady man with references of previous long service. Apply on board, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (8a-144)

SHIRTS.—Good MACHINISTS wanted. CLEVELAND SHIRT FACTORY, Cleveland-avenue, near corner Crown and Cleveland streets.

SHOEING SMITH.—IMPROVER wanted for country, strike and nail on, £1 week and keep. Apply GRIMLEY, Ltd., 263 Clarence-street.

SMART JUNIOR CLERK, for merchant's office, must be reliable and accurate, refs. and sal. Immediate, Box 425, G.P.O.

SMART BOY wanted for merchant's office, one just left school preferred, and with a knowledge of the city. Apply in own handwriting, stating age, to Mangold, Herald Office, King-street.

STRAW HAT MAKING.—Machinists wanted for fine chip and fancy work, also Improvers (power machines), constant work guaranteed. A. H. HUNDT, 13 Fitzroy-street, Newtown.

STATION BLACKSMITH, 30s, fare paid, good place. BLACKSMITH'S FLOORMAN, £2, c'ntry, fare paid. BLACKSMITH for country, 22s 6d keep, light place. SIMMONDS' LABOUR AGENCY, 188 Castlereagh-st.

SCONE HOSPITAL.

APPLICATIONS will be received up to MONDAY, 17th February, for the position of ASSISTANT NURSES, must be members of A.T.N.A. Salary, £50 and uniform per annum. R. M. SOLOMONS, Hon. Sec.

TAILORING.—Wanted, an IMPROVER, to work with tailor. 496 Elizabeth-st.

TAILORESSES.—Outdoor Trousers Hands wanted. A. Sonenfild and Sons, clothing manufac., 337 Kent-st.

TAILORESS.—Improvers for coats, work with man, constant. Mr. G. Manning, 47 Erskine-st.

TAILORESSES. Ladies' Coat and Skirt Hands, also adv. Imprs, best wgs. J. W. Ramm, Lloyd, Collins.

TAILORS. Wanted, Traveller, to carry clothing on Western and Southern lines, com. only. 857, Herald.

TEACHER, mathematics and Latin, required, school, suburbs, one or two afternoons wk. 397, Herald.

TO TAILORESSES.—Trousers Machinist wanted. Evers and Cohen, 5 and 7A Wynyard-st.

TO PLUMBERS.—Wanted, good General HAND. Chant, 85 Forbes-st, Woolloomooloo.

TO WHEELWRIGHTS.—Wanted, smart Improver, £2 week, constant; also smart Improver to General Smith, to take fire. Apply Fitzgerald, Murwillumbah.

TAILORESSES. Juvenile Coat, Vest, and Trous. Machinists, table for same; Tweed, Mole, and Denim Machinists, Improvers, and Apprentices; also Seam-pressers; highest wages. M'Arthur, 77 York-st.

TO TAILORS. First-class TAILORS wanted. Apply Tailoring Department. DAVID JONES, Ltd.

TYPIST and STENOGRAPHER (Lady), for large Insurance Office, must be quick and accurate, 25s to commence. Apply personally, TYPISTS' ASSOCIATION, Equitable-building.

TO STATIONERS' ASSISTANTS.—Wanted, a first-class ASSISTANT for retail department, must be of good address, and possessed of a thorough knowledge of the retail stationery trade. The position carries a good salary. Application by letter to STATIONERY, Box 1607, G.P.O.

WANTED, BOY, learn Engineering. Apply Steel Wings Windmill Co., Bay-rd Rail. Stn., N. Syd.

WANTED, Tutor for Spanish language, 1 or 2 lessons required weekly. State terms. 389, Herald Office.

WANTED, smart, intelligent BOY as Barrister's Clerk. 10 a.m., 11 Wentworth-court, Phillip-st.

WANTED, resp. GIRLS for warehouse and order dept., wages 5s. Apply 8.30 a.m., 340 Kent-st.

WANTED, Country and City Canvassers, men and women, for good paying medical line. 390, Herald.

WANTED, GIRLS, for packing room; also CHOCOLATE DIPPERS. Glorrows, Ltd., 56 William-st.

WANTED, smart young GIRLS, Parsons Bros., Oatmeal Factory, 321 Kent-st.

WANTED, a smart Boy as Messenger. Apply with references to J. W. Small and Co., 373 George-st.

WANTED, smart Lad, 15, as MESSENGER, and assist library. Apply Sydney School of Arts.

WANTED, smart BOYS for Bottling Department. Resch's Brewery, Redfern.

WANTED, LAD, quick figures, learn Customs Agcy. Bus., prem. £20, ret'd as wgs. Customs, Herald.

WANTED, a BOY for factory. Apply Laycock, Son, and Nettleton, 340 Sussex-st.

WANTED, smart BOY for office, wages to commence 7s 6d week. Apply C. L. B., Herald Office.

WANTED, two STONEMASONS and LABOURER. Dudley and Alexander sts, Coogee.

POSITIONS VACANT.

WANTED, 2 strong LADS for Store. Apply A.E.L., Herald Office.

WANTED, a smart Office BOY, good opening. Apply, F.W.P., Herald Office.

WANTED, two MEN, used to the work, take down w'board cott. W. Richards, 20 Denison-st, Wlhra.

WANTED, a strong BOY, to help in confectionery shop. 37 Oxford-st.

WANTED, 2 experienced AXEMEN for surveyor's camp. Apply A. B. C., Herald Office.

WANTED, Lift BOY. Apply Caretaker, Queensland Offices, 18 Bridge-st, city.

WANTED, a BOY. Apply W. M'Kenalty and Co., Box Factory, Lackey-st, Darling Harbour.

WANTED, 5 Certificated Nurses and 3 Probationers. Miss MacLachlan, Equitable, 350 Geo.-st. T. 3928.

WANTED, 6 LABOURERS, used to rock excavating. App. O'Connell-st, city.

WANTED, two STONEBREAKERS. S. Wales, Asphalter, Dowling-st, Cowper Wharf.

WANTED, smart Plumber, used jobbing, also Improver. Rear of No. 48 M'Donald-st, Erskineville.

WANTED, PLUMBERS. Apply W. E. Jones, W. T. Foster and Co.'s job, Liverpool-Commonwealth sts.

WANTED, two first-class BRICKLAYERS, no duffers. 75 Garden-st, Alexandria.

WANTED, a strong YOUTH, one used to shop work. Apply H. Hillier, 161 George-st West.

WANTED, first-class Bridge CARPENTER. 9.30 a.m., Stewart and Co., 7 Syd. Perm.-ch., Pitt-Bath. sts.

WANTED, MAN, estate agent's office, knowl. Glebe, F. Lodge. A. Smithers, 18 Oxford-st, Padd'ton.

WANTED, a smart LAD, to collect and deliver orders, used to horses. Giffin, 78 Oxford-st, Padd.

WANTED, BRICKLAYER'S LABOURER, good. 207 Parramatta-rd, Annandale.

WANTED, a smart young Man, used to Butchering. Apply W. Tarleton, 293 Annandale-st, Annandale.

WANTED, Private Teacher for classes, Elocution, Dancing, Music, Singing. 53 The Grove, Pad'ton.

WANTED, Bricklayer's LABOURER, for Turramurra. J. White, builder, Gurner-st, Paddington.

WANTED, a smart LAD, used to bottling and labeling. Bet. 9 and 10 a.m., Woods, P.O.-ch., Pitt-st.

WANTED, strong young MAN, drive produce cart. A. M'Gregor, Produce Store, Belmore.

WANTED, good Bodymaker, also Lad as Striker, for coachsmith. Pittman, Morehead-st, Redfern.

WANTED, an experienced Man, for bag store. Apply H. E. Jones, Sydney-rd, Granville.

WANTED, FITTERS, used to agricultural work. Apply Meadowbank Co., Meadowbank.

WANTED, a first-class GENERAL BLACKSMITH, used to waggon work, good wages, constant job, must be sober. Apply D. MOFFAT, Quirindi.

WANTED, a well educated YOUTH, with previous experience of bookkeeping. Apply personally with references, T. C. DAVIS and SONS, Ltd., 191 Sussex-street.

WANTED, a first-class CARPENTER, to work and superintend the erection of new dairy premises and alteration to dwelling, wages £3 per week. STEPHEN WHITEHURST, Bourke-street, Waterloo.

WANTED, 2 smart LADS for Messenger Boys, uniforms supplied, good wages to start. Apply personally, at 10.30 this morning, 209 Queen Victoria Markets, 4th Floor.

WANTED, 2 GENERAL PLUMBERS. Apply Phillip-court, Phillip-street, city, near King-street.

WANTED, an experienced SALESMAN, for Furnishing Department. Apply with references. LINOLEUM, Herald Office.

WANTED, MACHINISTS for Manchester Workroom. Apply Mr. A. H. GILES, DAVID JONES, Ltd.

WANTED, two strong BOYS for Furniture Department. Apply Mr. A. H. GILES, DAVID JONES, Ltd.

WANTED, young MECHANIC for die-making, must be used to gas engines. UNITED MAIL CO., Ltd., 294 George-street West.

WANTED, good practical COALMINERS. Duckenfield and Pelaw Main Collieries. Apply JAMES and ALEX. BROWN, 43 Pitt-street.

WANTED, 10 first-class CARRIAGE BUILDERS and JOINERS. None others need apply. MEADOWBANK CO., Meadowbank.

WANTED, PIANO TUNERS. W. H. PALING and CO., Ltd., 338 George-street, Sydney.

WANTED, smart YOUTH, for Lift, must be of good appearance. Apply A. and A. HORDERN, 695 and 697 George-street, Haymarket.

WANTED, for the suburbs, smart JUNIOR for Clothing and Mercery. Apply after 10 o'clock. HENRY BULL and CO., Ltd., York-street.

WANTED, LAD, just from school, for our Warehouse. Must be good writer and quick at figures. Apply by letter, PENMAN, care Sargood Brothers.

WANTED, for GENERAL HOSPITAL, CHILLAGOE, North Queensland, a SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER. Salary £600 per annum; also an ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICER, salary £450 and £50 travelling allowances, both with right of private practices. Application to be in the hands of the Secretary on or before MONDAY, 2nd March. CHAS. WILLIAM HUGHES, Secretary. General Hospital, Chillagoe.

WANTED, TWO SMART EXPERIENCED TIN REPAIRERS, EXPERIENCED BISCUIT PACKERS, TWO SMART YOUTHS, wages 15s. Apply W. ARNOTT, Ltd., Strathfield.

YOUTH wanted for store and delivery, wages 7s 6d. Apply 58 Clarence-st.

YOUNG LADY, as SHORTHAND and TYPIST, required, fair knowledge of office experience, commence 10s. R. I. GOLDSMITH, 65 Pitt street, corner Bridge-street.

YOUNG LADY as FOREMISTRESS wanted, to supervise girls in a factory (not dressmaking), Redfern district. Must be a good disciplinarian. Comfortable Position. Hours, 8 to 5. Apply by letter only, stating age, wages required, and former experience to FOREMISTRESS, c.o. E. A. Harris, 16 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

SERVANTS WANTED.

A BARMAID, 20s; W'tress, 12s, H'tl.; Cook, 20s; H'man, 20s; Buggy Boy, 10s. Flett, 120 C'rgh.-st.

A BARMAN wanted, references. Exchange Hotel, Oxford-st, Hyde Park.

A GENERAL SERVANT wanted, other help kept, references. 153 Queen st, Woollahra.

A GENERAL wanted, 2 in family, must be Prot., 10s. Apply F.A.B.C., Herald Office.

A GOOD GEN., no washing, no beds, adult family. 11 Waratah-st, Rushcutter Bay.

A LADY'S HELP required, assist with children. Corner St. Mark's and Frenchman's rds, Randwick.

A LIGHT GEN., plain cook'g, adult fam., refs. Clyde House, George-st, Redfern, opp. Pub. Sch.

A NICE refined GIRL, 2 in family, Bondi, 12s, interview 11 a.m. Miller's, 43 Royal Arcade. Tel., 5089.

A.—NURSES (3), 14s, 12s; Lady Helps, 14s, 12s; H. Md. L'dress (2), 18s; Cks. Elite, 45 Eliz.-st.

A RESP. GIRL, as Light Housemaid, 2 in family, Gen. kept. 142 Phillip-st, city.

A SUP. Girl as General, small family, gas stove, 12s w., refs. M'Roberts, Leslieville, Myrtle-st, Stmre.

ATTENDANT, invalid lady, some nursing experience. After 10, 1 Prospect-st, off Victoria-st, Waverley.

AT 72 Enmore-rd.—20 Gens., 10s to 16s; 5 H.P.M., 12s to 14s; 5 N. Girls, 5s to 8s, W. Hkpr., Grafton, 12s.

A YOUNG GENERAL, easy place, 12s per week. 10 a.m., International Hotel, King-st, Newtown.

A YOUNG GIRL, assist all duties, 3 adults family. Apply after 9, 47 Toxteth-rd, Glebe Point.

A HOUSE-PARLOUR MAID wanted, references. KINNEIL, Elizabeth Bay-road.

A NURSERY HOUSEMAID for near Moss Vale, good wages to superior person. Apply personally, Hotel Metropole, between 3 and 4 p.m., Monday. Mrs. LLOYD.

AT Mrs. Peters', top Hunter-st. T., 1063.—Cooks, C. La.; Gen., country, 20s; H.P. Mds., H'md. Ws., N. Coast, Bathurst; L'dress, Gen., Werris Creek; Lady Helps, Nowra, subs.; Gens.; others; Housemen.

AT SIMMONDS' AGENCY, 188 CASTLEREAGH-ST. STATION HAND, plough, generally useful, £1. PLOUGHMAN, fence, etc, £1; Hotel Cooks, 30s, 27s 6d. 5 DAIRY HANDS, 22s 6d, 20s; 11 BOYS, learn farm, 5s. MARRIED COUPLES (7), for stations, all capacities, £95, £90, £85, £70, £65. GOOD STNS., fares pd. WORK. H'KEEPER, 10s; Waitress (upstairs), 15s, 12s. HOUSEMAIDS, assist bar, 14s, 12s, town and country.

BOY wanted, smart, not over 15, one leaving school. 311 Parramatta-rd, Leichhardt.

SERVANTS WANTED.

BOY wanted for Traveller's Buggy. Apply between 10 and 11. Mick Simmons, Haymarket.

BUTLER, 35s; Parl. Mds, 16s, M.-Cs., £80; Groom, stn., 25s; Gardener, 20s. Layard, 25 Elizabeth-st.

BUTLER, 22s 6d; Pantryman, 15s, college, sub.; Houseman, 15s, stn., Warren; 10s, Dubbo; M. Couple, £90, cook and baker, wife h.m., l'dress, £80, Moree; £80, Trangie; £65, Mudgee. 110 Bathurst st.

BARMAIDS (3), saloon and public bars, 1s, 2s; interview gentleman, 10 sharp. PANTRY BOY, for hotel, Mountains, 12s. CHINESE GARDENER, for station, 22s 6d. HOUSEMAID L'DRESS, another housemaid kept, 20s. MYERS' AGENCY, 35 ELIZABETH-STREET.

BARMAID, 20s, hotel, city; Waitress, assist bar, 15s, Forbes; 15s, Brewarrina; Housemaid, 14s, stn., Tamworth, also Cook and L'dress, 17s 6d; General, 20s, Adelong; 18s, Gundagai; H. Md. W'tress, 15s, N. Coast, also General, 14s, H.P. Mds., 14s, 12s; Plain Cook, 18s. 110 Bathurst street.

COMP. Gen. reqd., no wash, 11s, another kept, pers. refs. St. Paul's Rectory, Burwood.

COOKS, 25s, 18s; G. Ss., 15s, 12s (child not obj.); H. M., ast. bar, 12s; H. P. M., 14s. Swan, 21 Eliz.-st.

COMPETENT young House and Parlour MAID, two in family, wages 14s. Apply Mrs. HUGHES, Glenrhoda, Lower Forth-street, Woollahra.

COMPETENT GENERAL SERVANT, wages 18s, no washing, also NURSERY HOUSEMAID, wages 14s, required for cottage, Hunter's Hill. Apply H. H., Herald Office.

COMP. Girl for general duties, 4 in family, no starched pieces, help given. Busaco, corner of Billyard avenue and Ithaca-road, Elizabeth Bay.

COOK and LAUNDRESS, no washing, no shirts or collars. Apply any time to-day to Mrs. W. E. WILSON, Duncraggan, nr. Musgrave-st Wharf, Mosman.

COOKS, Female (6), htls., Macleay R., Como, Hornsby, city, suburbs, 20s; Housemaids, W'tresses, leading hotels, Moree, Kempsey, 12s, 14s, excellent tips; others, city; Hkpr., lead. htl., Macleay R. Israel's, 27 Eliz.-st.

CARPENTER, drive steam engine, 30s. S. Line; Boundary Rider, 20s, W. Line; Youths (4), milk, ride etc., 8s, 10s, stations; Married Couple, man milk, etc., wife Laundress, £80, N. Line; £85, 3 in fam., W. Line; £70, South Coast; M. Couple, wife Cook and Laundress, man Houseman, £84, N. Line; M. Couple, Cook and Baker, wife H. Maid L'dress, £85, W. Line; £80, N. Line. WILTON, 29 Elizabeth-street.

DARLINGHURST.—Cook-Laundress wanted, for 5 in fam., no shirts or collars, 2 other maids kept. Inter. 11 sharp at Miss LAYARD'S, 25 Elizabeth-street.

EXPERIENCED Lady, willing to do general work, by day. 203 Crown-st, Darlinghurst.

GARDENER.—Wanted, good handy Man, milk. Apply bet. 9.30 and 10, James Martin, George-st, Hmkt.

GARDENER and general useful. Apply with references, Nelson, 15 Loftus-st, city.

GARDENER.—Man, with good gen. knowl., gardening and groom, 15s. Biddell, Macpherson-st, Waverley.

GENERAL, for country, Northern line, no washing. Before 10.30 a.m., 4 Westmoreland-st, Forest Ldg.

GENERAL, no laundry work, gas stove, small family, 12s. 5 Queen's-av., off Waratah-st, Rushcutter B.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted, light, comfortable place, no washing. 8 Council-st, Waverley.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted, 12s, no washing, sm. family. Apply 63 Edward-st, North Sydney.

GIRL, housework, light place, small family, Milson's Pt. line. State wages, etc., No. 522, Herald.

GOOD GENERAL wanted, 3 in family, easy place. 92 Princes-st, city.

GOOD KITCHENMAN. 194 Pitt-st.

GARDENER and useful, 20s; H'man, 15s; Waitress, 14s; H.P. Md., 14s, 2 in fam.; others, Cooks, 20s, 18s, 16s; C.L., 16s, 17s, 15s, Gen. Ser., Dul. Hill, 15s; others, 14s, 12s, 10s. Ped. Prot. Inst., 70 Hunter-st.

GENERAL SERVANT, and to go to Cronulla a few weeks. Apply personally or by letter. Mrs. CECIL PURSER, 74 Boulevard, Lewisham.

GENTLEWOMAN, reliable, Protestant, all duties except washing, every convenience, treated as one of family. Mrs. HALL, Chiveden, Shirley road, Wollstonecraft. Tram Crow's Nest, or train Wollstonecraft.

GOOD GENERAL SERVANT, no washing, good wages. Apply Mrs. SLADE, The Wellings, Want-street, Burwood. Tel., Burwood, 188.

H. AND P. MAID wanted, small family. Apply 8 Denman-chambers, opp. Paris House, Phillip-st.

HOUSE P. Mds., city, Sum. H., Rand., N. Syd., Killara, 11s, 12s, 13s. Miss Nisbet, 108 Strand Arc.

HOUSEMAID wanted, good wages. Carlton Mansion, Wigram and Glebe rds, Glebe Point.

H'MAID, or comp. Lady Help. Apply with references, Mrs. Huxtable, cr. Walker-Berry sts, N. S.

HELP, all duties except washing, comfortable home, evenings free, small family, gas fires, etc., Mosman. Apply by letter, R.A.Y., 300 George-street.

HOUSEMAN, 12s 6d; H. Usefuls (5), 17s 6d, Billiard Marker, 20s; D. Hand, 20s; K'men (3), 20s; Message Boy, 10s, leading hotel; Gardener, 20s, garden and useful, milk cow, 15s. Hittmann, 31 Rowe-st.

HOUSE and Parlour Maid, 14s, institution, city; Housemaid, 14s, city; H. Maid Waitress, 13s, also H. Md. L'dress, 14s, hotel, nr. Dubbo, Mother, Daughter, £85, nr. Junee; £80, N. Line; £75, nr. Tamworth; £65, Maitland; House and Parlour Md., 15s, Orange, 15s, Mnts., 14s, city; Cook, 20s, no bread baking, W. Line; 20s, Mnts.; General Servant, child not objected, 12s, Scone. WILTON, 29 Elizabeth-street.

HITTMANN'S AGENCY, 61 ELIZABETH-STREET. M.C., man cook, wife h'keeper, £90. M.C., man station hand, wife h'keeper, £75. M.C., man stn. hand, wife l'dress, £93. JAPANESE 2nd COOK, Albury; European Cook, 30s. NARRANDERA; K'man, 15s; city, 20s; H'man, 17s. BOUNDARY RIDER, 20s; Hotel Useful, 15s, able assist bar, 20s. SUBURBS. HUT COOK, house, 22s; Station Lad, 10s. STA. ROUSEABOUT, 17s 6d, Jerilderie, milk, kill, etc.

KIT. BOY, Manly. Male Cook, 25s. H.M. Wait., P. Maid. Street's, 23 Elizabeth-st.

KITCHENMAN, 20s; Scullery, 15s; Milk, Deliver, 17s 6d. Servts.' Institute, 112 Castlereagh-st.

LADY HELPS and superior elderly Generals. Please call on Mrs. Miller, 135 Bondi-rd.

LADY HELP or light General, all duties, small fam. Heidelberg, 9 Lower Bay View-st, M'Mahon's Pt.

LADY HELP wanted, sleep home preferred. Wandabine, Norwood-st, Petersham.

LADY HELP, small adult fam., gas stove, references. Ascot, 17 Drynan-st, Summer Hill.

LADY Help, yng., comf. home, Milson's Pt. line, no washing. State wages, etc. No. 592, Herald.

LAUNDRY.—Wanted, a Shirt Ironer, 2s per doz. Apply Milton Laundry, Milton-st, Ashfield.

LAUNDRY.—Want Washer, accustomed to laundry work, 5s day, fares paid. Champion Laun., Manly.

L. GEN. or HELP, small family, children, 10s, ref. required. Cooke, Park-avenue, Gordon.

LADY HELP wanted, at once, for Campbelltown district, all duties except washing, 12s to 14s, refined home. Meet lady 11 a.m., Saturday, at "The Studio," 2nd floor, Strand, George-street end.

LAUNDRY.—Compte MAN, for washhouse, wanted, for New Zealand, highest wages. WILSON'S STEAM LAUNDRY, Bourke and Arthur streets, Surry Hills.

NURSE, to mind 3 children, gd. wages to suitable person. 'Phone 520. Mullett's Ashfield Hotel, Ash.

REQ., useful HELP, general kept. Budgewar, Lavender Bay, foot of steps. Inq. shop on wharf.

SMART active Girl, train as House and P. Maid, refs. Mrs. Marks, Maroura, 4 Challis-avenue, Potts Pt.

SMART GIRL for cleaning, few hours daily, live home, constant work. 589, Herald Office.

SOBER MAN, General Useful. 15s. Mullett's Ashfield Hotel, Ashfield.

TWO respectable BOYS wanted, deliver bills. Apply after 10, Adams and Co., 90 Pitt-st.

TWO LADY HELPS wanted. Collingwood, Victoria-parade, Manly. Mrs. Parnell.

WANTED, Girl, assist housework and mind baby, 4s wk. Before 9. Mrs. Maul, 77 College-st, Balmain.

WANTED, resp. Woman, plain cook and wash. Clock Hotel, Market-st, city.

WANTED, a Barman, must be used to scrubbing. 9 o'clk., Roberts' Hotel, George and Mkt. sts.

WANTED, Groom and Coachman, good refs.; no others need apply. 13 Campbell-st, Paddington.

WANTED, smart LAD, used to horses. Apply after 7 p.m. Friday. Bucknell, Rayswater-rd, Dble. B.

WANTED, LADY HELP, assist with children, references. 167 Walker-st, North Sydney.

WANTED, Girl, about 14 years of age, take care of baby. Springfield, Scouller-st, Marrickville.

SERVANTS WANTED.

WANTED, smart yng. Girl as Pantrymaid. Apply City North Coffee Palace, 231 George-st North.

WANTED, General SERVANT. Mrs. Tilsen, Aymestry, Mosman-st, Mosman, near ferry.

WANTED, at Hunter-st Agency, 76 Hunter-st, 2 Waitresses, compt., for country, commercial hotels.

WANTED, light General, small family, good home, gas stove. Mrs. Waterhouse, Porter-st, Waverley.

WANTED, young GIRL, to help in the morning, sleep home. 7 Hugh-st, city.

WANTED, smart WAITRESS, used to 6d restaurant. Apply early. 76 Market-st, opp. Evening News.

WANTED, a young HOUSEMAID. Apply after 4, 28 Bayswater-rd, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, a respectable WAITRESS. Apply Scott's Restaurant, 39 Park-st.

WANTED, young Girl as WAITRESS, tea rooms. Apply 11 a.m., 415 George-st, near Strand.

WANTED, superior WOMAN, assist housekeeping and light duties. Apply 10 o'clk., 38 Bayswater-rd.

WANTED, a young GIRL to assist with gen. housework. After 2, 180 Forbes-st, 2 doors William-st.

WANTED, GENERAL, good plain cook, easy place. Apply after 10, 146 Victoria-st, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, a clean Grill COOK, male or female, to Sunday or holiday. Cr. Hay and Parker sts, Hmkt.

WANTED, resp. young Woman, Cook, assist housewk., no w. War. C. Hotel, Mort Darling sts, Balm.

WANTED, strong LAD, £1 boat. Perth Steam Laundry, off Cove-st, Balmain.

WANTED, young MAN, good milker. Moneghan's Dairy, Beresford rd, Strathfield.

WANTED, exper. Waiter, also an Assistant Waiter. Walker's (only) Restaurant, Park-st.

WANTED, Housemaid. Apply after 10, wages 15s. 32 Walker-st, North Sydney.

WANTED, Light GENERAL, 4 family, gas stove. 156 Arthur-st, North Sydney.

WANTED, Midday WAITRESS, for 6d restaurant. 47 Liverpool-st.

WANTED, young Woman Gen., no washing, help given, pri. fam. 166 Old S. Head-rd, Waverley.

WANTED, young General, refs., private family, sleep home. 30 Derwent-st, Glebe.

WANTED, a smart BOY, to sell and deliver papers. F. Petersen, 194 George-st North.

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WANTED, Gen. SERVANT, mid.-aged preferred. Mrs. Boyce, St. Paul's, O'land, Regent sts, Rdfn.

WANTED, a General, no washing, references. Mount View Hotel, Riley and Foveaux sts, Surry Hills.

WANTED, a smart Girl, light housework and assist in shop. Mrs. Bray, 51 Bridge-rd, Pyrmont.

WANTED, a compet. yng. General Servant, gd. wages, refs. Belmore Park Hotel, Reservoir-st, S. Hills.

WANTED, mid.-aged Woman, as General, plain cooking, no wash., or h'work. 268 Elizabeth-st.

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WANTED, a tidy useful GIRL, for housework. Hawthorne, 6 London-st, Enmore.

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WANTED, young COOK, no laundry work, refs. Valensole, Ocean-st, Double Bay.

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WANTED, GIRL, light housework, 7s per week. 8 Liverpool-st, near George-st.

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WANTED, strong willing GIRL, to assist. 20 Bayfield-st, Glebe Point.

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FREDERIC HAMILTON SALUSBURY, Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy (No. 17638).—Re PETER ROACH, residing at Malvern, South Australia, formerly of 1 Darlinghurst-road and 108 Darlinghurst-road, Sydney, and carried on business at 87 York-street, Sydney, as HOSEGOOD BROTHERS, Warehousemen.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First MEETING of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the office of the Official Assignee, at 47 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on the 21st day of February, 1908, at 3 p.m. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat, his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 18th day of February, 1908. FREDERIC HAMILTON SALUSBURY, Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy (No. 17633).—Re HENRY BENJAMIN LIEBMANN, The Langham Hotel, York-street, Sydney, Licensed Victualler.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First MEETING of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the office of the Official Assignee, at 47 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on the 24th day of February, 1908, at 3 p.m. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat, his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 20th day of February, 1908. FREDERIC HAMILTON SALUSBURY, Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single MEETING of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 20th day of February, 1908, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat, his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 17th day of February, 1908—Re ERNEST GILHAM COOK (No. 17640), of 42 Boyce-street, Glebe Point, Butcher; re the Estate of LEON HOUREUX, dec. (No. 17634), late of Rocklily, Pittwater, Hotelkeeper; re SAMUEL WALKER (No. 17593), of Lithgow; re ARTHUR RICHARD BOLTON (No. 17599), of 36 St. John's-road, Glebe, Canteen Manager; re THOMAS COLVIN (No. 17657), of Coff's Harbour, Storekeeper. F. H. SALUSBURY, Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy. NOTICE is hereby given that the Single MEETING of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 19th day of February, 1908, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat, his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 15th day of February, 1908:—Re WILLIAM CLARENDON (No. 17641), of Erie-street, Leichhardt, and Crescent-street, Rozelle, Produce Merchant; re DAVID ASHWORTH (No. 17628), of Lower Macpherson-street, Waverley, Dairyman. FREDERIC HAMILTON SALUSBURY, Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee. (4e-31)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOHN SHEDDEN ADAM, late of Turramurra, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twelfth day of March next, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this sixth day of February, A.D. 1908. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. AITKEN and AITKEN, Proctors for the Executrix and Executor, 44 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ARCHIBALD WILLIAM THOMSON, late of the Glebe, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Retired Merchant, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney; and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twelfth day of March, at twelve o'clock noon, and inspect the same, and, if they shall think fit, object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me, and passed according to law. Dated this sixth day of February, in the year 1908. (Sgd.) T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. ALFRED CHALMERS GILL, Proctor for the Executors, 56 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN BUDGE, late of Brewarrina, in the State of New South Wales, Saddler, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any debt or claim upon or affecting the Estate of JOHN BUDGE, the abovenamed deceased, who died on or about the twenty-ninth day of March, 1907 (Probate of whose Will was granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the ninth day of December, 1907, to WILLIAM JAMES BUDGE, of Caloola, near Bathurst, and ELIZABETH ASHWORTH, of Bathurst, the Executor and Executrix named in the said Will), are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the said William James Budge and Elizabeth Ashworth, or to M'COY and M'COY, the undersigned Proctors, on or before the 28th day of March, 1908, at the expiration of which time the said William James Budge and Elizabeth Ashworth will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard to those debts and claims only of which they shall then have notice; and the said William James Budge and Elizabeth Ashworth will not be liable for the assets, so distributed, to any person of whose debt or claim they shall not have notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this fourth day of February, A.D. 1908. M'COY and M'COY, Proctors for the said Executors, City Mutual-chambers, Hunter and Bligh streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS MACKRILL WATSON, late of Trefoil Park, near Berrigan, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased. Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ELIZABETH EMILY WATSON, Widow of the said deceased, the Executrix named in the said Will; and all creditors and claimants of the said deceased are hereby required forthwith to send in full particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. HAROLD P. WHITTY, Proctor for the Executrix, Berrigan. By his Agent, H. PEDEN STEEL, 98 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ISABELLA LOUISA FOXE, late of Narabri, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MICHAEL HENRY FOXE, of Narabri aforesaid, Contractor, the Husband of the said deceased; and all persons having any claims against the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby required to send particulars of the same to the undersigned at their Narabri address, where all notices herein may be served. G. S. E. DALE and SON, Proctors for the Administrator, Maitland-street, Narrabri, and Challis House, Martin-place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ALEXANDER CUMMING, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN CUMMING, a brother of the said deceased. All persons having any claim against this Estate are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned within the said fourteen days; and all Notices may be served at the undermentioned address. MAKINSON and PLUNKETT, Proctors for the Applicant, 49 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of EMILY TYE, late of 26 Derbyshire-road, Leichhardt, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to SARAH ANN WARD, the Sole Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices are to be served at the undermentioned address. SARAH ANN WARD, 61 Balmain-road, Leichhardt.

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CHAPTER XXVIII.—Continued.

For a moment Herrick paused upon the threshold. She had been dressed as she was now when he had first seen her. She had looked like this when he had first offered her his service. Nothing could suit the pretty head so well as that astrakhan cap. It was with an effort that he advanced slowly towards her; he would like to have caught her in his arms, and stopped all remonstrance with his kisses on her lips.

"You sent for me, mademoiselle."

Now he had come Christine hardly knew what to say to him, or how best to say it. Could she move him to mercy if she were humble enough?

"I wanted to thank you," she said, "for your leniency to me and—and to others. You might have chosen a harder prison for me than the Chateau of Passey. It has its associations for me. You thought of that when you chose it."

"Naturally I had reasons for choosing it," he answered.

"My lord, Count Felix is——"

"Mademoiselle, for these three days past the Count's name has been ringing in my ears. Spare me more of it. They shout in the streets at me for his death. In the castle they are insistent that he should die. I cannot forget that Jean's love for me saved my life, and Jean is dead."

"Neither do I forget it; still, I would plead for the Count."

"Surely he merits death?"

"Yes; still, I would plead for him," said Christine earnestly. "You know—you said—you have admitted that for his plotting, at least, there was some excuse. He was mad with the uncontrollable madness of a desperate man."

"It was murder, mademoiselle, no more, no less; that the victim was not the one he hoped for makes little difference."

"Yet I plead for him," she persisted. "You have already shown great generosity; show it once more, if not to him, to me. Felix is my own flesh and blood. How far I may be responsible for his madness I do not know. He had lost everything, his kingdom, his honour, the woman he has always desired to marry. In his own fashion he may have loved me. I had plotted with him against you. Truly in a large degree I am responsible, and I pray you have mercy. Make my punishment greater if you will, so that you save Felix. Banish him, anything, but do not kill him."

"You forget that the State has laws, and that the Duke but serves the State," he said quietly.

"You are all-powerful, and you know it. On my knees I beg this thing." And she suddenly dropped at his feet. "I beg it of the Duke, the Duke I promise to serve should it presently please him to give me freedom. You have taught me patriotism. I would I had the power I once had to make my service a worthy gift."

"Mademoiselle, I doubt not the people still love you," said Herrick, putting out his hand to raise her; but she would not see it.

"You believe that? You believe that I might still be a danger?"

"Am I not sending you to the Chateau of Passey? If you were of small account in Vayenne, why should I banish you from the city?"

There was a moment's pause, then she said quietly, "Not long ago in this room you asked me to make a sacrifice, it was your own word, and I refused. I have learnt much since then. I will do anything to serve the Duke and my country."

Herrick remembered the manner in which he had asked her to marry him. For an instant now he nearly lost control of himself, almost bent down and caught her up in his arms to tell her all that was in his heart, but he quickly had himself in hand again.

"Mademoiselle," he said, gently raising her, "I do not like to have you kneeling to me, and I will not bargain with you in this fashion. For the present Felix must remain where he is, but this I promise, you shall have speech with me again before he is condemned."

"Thank you," she said. "Before he is condemned; you mean before——"

"There is no juggling in the words," Herrick answered. "Is it too much to ask you to trust me?"

"I trust the word of the Duke," she said.

"I will leave you, mademoiselle. I hear your escort assembling in the courtyard. You may find the Chateau of Passey a less dreary prison than you imagine."

A little later Christine and Lucille rode out of the great gates with Gaspard Lemasle and a large escort, and from a corner of the terrace Roger Herrick watched them go. His world had moved since the night he had seen her ride out upon the same journey when she went to bring the pale scholar of Passey to Vayenne.

CHAPTER XXIX.
THE DUKE'S MESSENGER.

Herrick's parting words remained with Christine. At first she had paid small heed to them. They were merely a conventional phrase, spoken to do away with any abruptness there might be in his leaving her, a slight courtesy in the place of a farewell which could have little meaning since she was a prisoner. But the words would not be forgotten, and there were circumstances which accounted in some measure for their insistency. A guard was drawn up at the castle gate, and at the sharp word of command saluted her as she passed through. Again at the city gate it was the same. She had not expected this as a prisoner. There had been no crowd in the streets of the city, but all who recognised her raised their hats. She had their sympathy if not their love. She was prepared to hear some hisses as she passed, for not everyone could believe that she was innocent of any part in the plot to betray the country, since she had schemed with those who had reached this end in view; yet no sound of anger had reached her. It seemed evident, too, that Captain Lemasle had not felt certain of the temper of the people, for as they went through the city he was watchful, and the soldiers rode close about her and Lucille. Once across the river, however, Lemasle divided his men more, and Christine and Lucille rode along side by side, soldiers before and behind them.

It was then that Herrick's words began to drum in Christine's ears as though to impress upon her that there was a meaning in them. Why should she find the Chateau of Passey a less dreary prison than she imagined? True, it had been Maurice's home for many years and had associations for her for this reason; but they had spoken of that before, and she had thanked him for choosing such a prison. Why should he refer to it again? Or was it that the Duke had in some way brightened the Chateau for her reception? But this was an absurd idea. It did not belong to the Duke, but to the Viscount Dupre, and besides, there had been no time to make much preparation for her. She knew that her appeal for Felix had not been altogether in vain. The Duke had been touched; he had treated her very gently, not at all as a prisoner, and he had left her with these words. What was the meaning that they held? What was the Duke's real purpose concerning her? It was strange how persistently she thought of him as the Duke.

"You are sad, mademoiselle."

Lucille broke the long silence so suddenly that Christine started.

"Not so sad as the circumstances might well make me," was the answer.

"Then you will smile again, laugh even, and there will be quiet, peaceful days at Passey."

"Quiet enough," said Christine, smiling at once. "And such peace that we are likely to grow dull and gloomy with so much of it. It was selfish of me to let you come."

"I shall not be unhappy with you," said the girl.

"And presently you can return to Vayenne," said Christine, "you are not a prisoner, and for a time the ruined old place will amuse you."

"Ruined, mademoiselle."

"Oh, there is plenty of room to live in it decently if they will let us do so," was the answer; "but it is no longer a castle that could defend itself against an enemy. Grass peeps between the stones in its courtyard, and the moss and lichen find rootage in its broken walls. No sentry paces through the day and night, and the corridors give forth an empty sound as one walks along them."

"What a strange place for a prison!" said Lucille.

"It is pretty, and for a time will while away your hours, and you can always return to Vayenne. What kind of treatment we are to receive I do not know. There may be deep-dug dungeons which decay has left untouched."

"Ah, now you would try to frighten me, mademoiselle."

"No, I do not think they will put us there," said Christine. "We shall probably be allowed to wander about the chateau as we will, but you will soon tire of it, child. It is an unlikely place for a prince to come, who, passing all others, shall kneel before you."

"You will not let me forget my dream," said the girl, with a flush in her face, "yet, mademoiselle, think, if he came, the broken walls could not keep him out, and there would be no challenge from the sentry."

"No, and no other woman to pass before he came and knelt to you. In Passey you will have no rival if the prince should come," Christine returned.

"Yes, mademoiselle, one—you."

(To be continued.)

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THE LOCAL OPTION VOTE.

LIQUOR ACT OF 1905.

SECTION 72 RETROSPECTIVE.

OTHER OBJECTIONS OVERRULED.

The Local Option Court, consisting of Judge Backhouse (President), and Messrs. Smithers and Macfarlane, S.Ms., continued its sittings yesterday, for the purpose of classifying licensed premises within the electorates of Annandale, Botany, Darlinghurst, Glebe, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Middle Harbour, Newtown, Paddington, Petersham, Randwick, Redfern, Rozelle, St. Leonards, Waverley, and Woollahra.

The President delivered the judgment of the Court on various legal points that had been raised in the course of argument; the main question being whether section 72 of the Act of 1905 was retrospective or not. The Court was of opinion that it was not only retrospective, but retroactive, and gave power to the Court to deal with vested rights. The Court also held that the section was one purely of procedure, and was simply a guide to it in making the classification. The Court was, therefore, bound under the section to take into consideration any classified offences committed during a period of three years previously to September 10 last, provided that they came within the classes enumerated in sub-section 2 of section 72. With regard to the objection that Sunday selling was not selling within prohibited hours under section 72, the Court was clearly of opinion that it was. The next point was that in some of the certificates of conviction there was no statement that the offence was committed by the licensee, though, as a matter of fact, it was stated that the offence was committed on his licensed premises. So far as that Court was concerned, it considered that the certificates were sufficient, except in one case, where the certificate merely had the words "on his premises." In that case, the Court must make further inquiry. With regard to the point as to convictions, the Court was not constituted for the purpose of considering whether the convictions put in were bad or not. If any document was put before the Court, which purported, on the face of it, to be a conviction, and if it was an offence which came within section 72, the Court was bound to recognise it as such, even though it was quite possible that if there had been an appeal to the Supreme Court the conviction might be held to be bad. The Court, as constituted, could not say whether a conviction was good or bad, provided it came within section 72. The next matter urged upon the Court was that each conviction on the face of it ought to set out that the offence was dealt with at the nearest Court of Petty Sessions, but the case of Cook v Carbury, 23 "Weekly Notes," page 74, disposed of that point. The conviction was proved, and, coming within section 72, the Court was bound to consider it. Other minor points submitted were also overruled.

The Court then proceeded to take evidence with regard to classification and reduction of hotels in Annandale electorate, and at 4 o'clock the further hearing was adjourned to the following day.

SOPHISTRY IN THE SENATE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Under the above heading you recently commented on my action in connection with the tariff now before the Senate.

As your article does not, in my opinion, correctly describe my attitude, I feel sure you will afford me the opportunity of defining it.

At the last election a pledge was given by the party collectively (and necessarily endorsed by myself individually), (1) that it would not attempt to lay hostile hands upon the then existing tariff, and (2) that it would seek to remove anomalies. I presume the party intended, when it made that double promise, to honestly stand by it. Certainly I did, and do.

While this pledge leaves those who made it free to oppose increased duties (except where necessary to adjust anomalies), it makes it impossible, in my opinion, for those bound by it to reduce duties below those provided in the 1902 tariff. To do so would be to attack a tariff we had promised to respect. Further, this pledge imposes an obligation to raise duties where it can be shown that as the result of an anomaly any industry is unfavourably treated. In no way except by "levelling up" can this double-barrelled pledge be redeemed. To remove an anomaly by lowering a previously existing duty would be to attack the tariff we had promised to leave alone.

These considerations have determined my votes so far, and until it is shown that my interpretation of the election pledge is wrong I must continue to be guided by them.

As an instance let me refer to the duty on coffee. Under the 1902 tariff the duty stood at 3d for raw and kiln dried and 5d for roasted, ground, or in liquid form. The new tariff provides for 3d and 6d respectively. When a motion was submitted to make the first item free I voted against it, not because I like the duty, but because I hold that the election pledge bars me from voting to reduce any duty having a protectionist incidence below the level of the 1902 tariff. When subsequently it was submitted that the duty on the second item be put back to the figure at which it previously stood, I voted for, as, though I regard myself as bound not to assist in reducing the tariff of 1902, it is not only in conformity with my views, but I accept it as an obligation that I should do my best to resist increases.

The question is, however, always present as to what is the best course to take to secure this end. As is well known, those in opposition to the Government in the Senate are divided in opinion as to the extent to which the tariff ought to be modified and as to the items in respect of which alteration is desirable. If each section fights for its own hand it is obvious—that which has already transpired in the Senate has made it so—that neither will succeed, but will each in turn be defeated. By a little give and take it has been found possible to secure some useful reductions, as witness those on blue and confectionery. The 1902 duty on the former was 1d. As the present bill came from the House of Representatives it stood at 2d. There was no possibility of any united action to secure a reversion to the old duty, but it was found possible to secure a solid vote for a preferential duty of 1½d, provided the general duty was left alone. The question then resolved itself into this:—Was it better to fight for ½d reduction and win, or stand out for 1d and lose? As the whole of the imported blue comes from the United Kingdom it was immaterial whether the reduction was made in the general or the preferential tariff. But it was possible to secure it in the one case—where it would be effective—while it was not possible to secure it in the other.

The same thing existed with regard to the confectionery duties. These came up from the Representatives at 3d and 2½d, general and preferential tariff respectively. It was only by limiting the request for a reduction of ½d in each case that there was any chance of success. Again the question presented itself—was it better to secure ½d reduction or go without any; to fight for a portion and win, or for the lot and lose? As a result of the action taken the 3d duty general tariff was reduced to 2½d, and but for the extraordinary action of Senators Symon and Clemons in walking out when the second division took place a corresponding reduction would have been secured in the preferential tariff. As 80 per cent. of the imports come from the United Kingdom this reduction would have been material, and the action of the gentlemen named is therefore, in my humble opinion, the more to be regretted. In one portion of your article you say the senators from New South Wales should join forces with "keen fighters like Sir Josiah Symon." On this occasion New South Wales senators can but feel disappointed that Sir Josiah declined to join forces with them.

I quite recognise the attractiveness from a spectacular point of view of fighting a forlorn hope, but there is a practical side to this question. It is surely better to secure half a loaf than to go without bread. As a result of the course taken in the Senate some useful reductions have been secured, and they furnish grounds for the hope that they will be followed by many others. There is but one way, however, in which these can be gained, and that is by taking to heart the fable of the boy and the pitcher of nuts.

I am, etc., E. D. MILLEN.

Melbourne, Feb. 4.

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COALING AT NEWCASTLE.

INADEQUATE FACILITIES.

THE QUESTION OF PREFERENCE.

STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER.

Fault was found generally with the facilities for shipping coal at Newcastle, and particularly with the new regulation giving preference to certain vessels, by a deputation which waited upon the Premier (Mr. Wade) yesterday. The deputation represented the Northern Colliery Proprietors' Association, and was composed of Mr. Earp, M.L.C., Captain Williams, and Messrs. L. Learmonth, J. Brown, J. Wheeler, I. Chapman, H. Howell, F. W. Newman, C. Chilcott, and A. R. Cant.

In introducing the deputation Mr. Earp said they had been given to understand that the Railway Commissioners had not the power to do all that was wanted in making the coaling facilities at Newcastle equal to requirements. The secondary object in waiting upon the Premier was to bring under notice the working of the new regulation under which certain vessels were given preference at the coaling berths. The great majority of the colliery people thought the new regulation would make matters worse than before—that it was not only unnecessary, but very mischievous.

The Premier: Would you prefer, then, that the Victorian Railway Commissioners should buy coal against contracts?

Mr. Earp said he did not think anything of that kind would be necessary. The various railway departments had never suffered through not getting coaling berths, though possibly at times the rush of trade had prevented the collieries from giving sufficient coal to the contractors to satisfy the railways. There was one occasion when a very great rush had diminished the quantity of coal available for railway purposes, but that had nothing to do with the question of berthing. The preference regulation was both unnecessary and exceedingly unfair, inasmuch as it would give preference to one set of steamers over another set of steamers. That would do a great deal of harm to the coal trade at Newcastle. It would drive trade away.

The Premier: Do you object to the clause about passenger steamers getting bunker coal?

Mr. Earp: We say vessels should take their turn as they arrive.

Mr. Learmonth said trade had increased very considerably at Newcastle during the last 12 months, but the facilities for shipping coal had not increased in anything like the same ratio. They had been to the Chief Railway Commissioner, who informed them that he had neither the power nor the means to supply the extra accommodation wanted.

Captain Williams said the producing capacity of the collieries was 144,000 tons per week. The cranes were nominally able to handle 120,000 tons per week, but their best performance was about 114,000 tons. Thus, even if there were no blocks in getting the coal forward, the appliances were not equal to handling the full output.

The Premier: But surely you do not want accommodation on such a scale that every steamer entering port should be able to go to a berth at once?

Captain Williams: No; but he was prepared to suggest steps that would give relief within a couple of months. No. 1 crane on the Dyke was at present in pieces. It should be erected above No. 15 crane. The hydraulic power was ready to hand, and the alteration which would make a good crane available would not cost more than about £2000.

The Premier: Surely that is a question for the Commissioners?

Captain Williams: If £6000 was spent, two good additional berths could be provided, and a much larger quantity of coal could be handled. The opening up of collieries in the Maitland district should be a sufficient assurance that the Newcastle coal trade was going to expand.

The Premier: What is your view of the regulation about mail steamers getting preference?

Captain Williams: I think they should get preference.

The Premier: I would like you to agree on this point.

Mr. J. Brown said the berthing accommodation was insufficient for the port. The collieries had to consider the question of increasing their outputs, and they found they had not the shipping facilities to handle the increased supply. The position would become worse. There were six cranes inside the basin, and only four of them could be worked. If the wharfage accommodation were extended to give provision for the working of these two cranes, the condition would be easier. Possibly the M'Myler hoists which the Commissioners had ordered would be found to answer well for coal from small collieries, or for the interstate trade, but for the regular trade he did not think they would be the success anticipated. With regard to giving special berths for railway purposes he thought the practice a dangerous one. If the railways were short of coal he would offer no objection, but if special berths were to be given to every steamer that came for railway coal, it would be found that in cases coal was only put into one or two hatches, while other steamers were shut out, and collieries kept idle. He agreed that mail and other steamers requiring bunker coal should have a crane to go to. It was to the interests of everybody that such vessels should not be detained. Vessels came from other parts of the world for bunker coal, and they must be encouraged to come. There were nine cranes now set apart for steamers. There used to be eight. Some discretionary power should be given to the wharfinger in the berthing of steamers. This would be preferable to the preference regulation. The Government should do everything possible to keep both the collieries and the cranes going, even if it cost £10,000 or £20,000.

Mr. Howell said that the new regulations would never meet in a practical way the difficulties that had been so often complained about.

Mr. Earp said he was prepared to waive his objection to steamers having preference in respect of bunker coal. The deputation therefore was in accord on this point.

THE PREMIER IN REPLY.

The Premier, in reply, said two points appeared to be involved in the representations made to him—one the question of policy in the expenditure of public money, and the other a question of administration, which was in the jurisdiction of the Railway Commissioners almost entirely. So far as the latter question was concerned, the Government could not act. The Government could only deal with the question of policy involving the expenditure of public money on a substantial scale. So far as the preference regulation was concerned, he wished to say the deputation appeared to have forgotten this point—that the regulation by no means established a uniform or compulsory preference. The guiding condition was that the berthing master "may" give preference, and in fairness to the Chief Commissioner, who had to study the interests of ships and shippers and the public generally, he felt called upon to say that the guiding condition was kept well in view. The regulation was intended to enable the wharfinger in the hour of need to exercise a power which hitherto he had not possessed, and to overcome purely technical objections. The Commissioner was to have the discretion of determining whether preference should be given or not. Unless there was some special reason preference would not be given, but the ordinary rule of chronological order would be followed. The deputation agreed that mail and passenger steamers should receive preference if occasion required. That was all the Commissioners asked for, and it would guard against such delay as recently interfered with the sailing dates of passenger steamers and caused a good deal of inconvenience to the public.

The rule giving the Commissioner discretionary power (Mr. Wade continued) was in the public interest. There was a state of congestion two or three weeks ago, partly as a result of the stoppage of work over the Christmas holidays, but chiefly because of labour difficulties in the latter part of last year, with the result that the facilities at Newcastle were unable to cope with the demand. A request was made to him that the Government should endeavour to obtain some concession from the Victorian Railway Commissioners in the direction of not enforcing the contract penalties against those coal proprietors who had contracted to supply coal. The Victorian Government and Commissioners were sympathetic, and decided they would not, for a limited period, enforce their penal powers against the contractors. When this congestion arose in the early part of last month the coal proprietors found themselves in this difficulty—they could not keep up their contract requirements with the Victorian railway, and the result was the Victorian Commissioners began to buy in the open market. At that stage he got a telegram from Newcastle—"The Victorian railways are short of coal supplies—are buying against contract. We have coal available. Owing to the limitation of coaling berths we cannot carry out contracts." He asked the Chief Commissioner to give the coal proprietors in this difficulty some preference, both to help them and to help the public of New South Wales, for if the coal supplies of the Victorian railways gave out they could not keep up the train service to Albury, and the convenience of the people of New South Wales would suffer accordingly. The Commissioners then took steps, at all events, with regard to one ship, to give preference and assist the Victorian Commissioners in their trouble. The regulation that had been promulgated would have the effect in future difficulties of this kind of enabling the Commissioners to say—"Give this boat preference to meet this special emergency." Under all the circumstances it was rather hard that complaint should now be made that the regulation was unfair, and was prejudicial to the proprietors themselves. The preference was to be entirely a discretionary one. It would not be allowed to be abused. If it turned out that a ship came along with one hatch for the Commissioners and the other hatches for herself, preference would be out of the question.

As to the other matter involving the general question of providing additional facilities, he wished to say the Government was fully alive to the interests of the port and its relation to the interests of the State as a whole. There seemed to be an impression abroad that the Government had not done much for Newcastle. That impression was an entirely erroneous one. During the last seven years the Government had spent on improvements alone, such as dredging, wharf, cranes, lines, maintenance, etc, no less than £529,000; other improvements now in progress involved a liability of £20,000; sidings were being laid down at Port Waratah to accommodate over 5000 coal waggons; approval had been given to the erection of four M'Myler coal dumps, each of which would be capable, under favourable conditions, of putting 800 tons of coal per hour into the larger coal-carrying steamers; each of these dumps would be provided with suitable gravitation sidings; to assist in relieving present pressure it had been arranged to again bring into use cranes No. 2 and 3 for the smaller coasting vessels, and this would relieve the pressure on the more important crane berths. Mr. Brown had raised the point that the M'Myler dumps, which would be in operation in six or eight weeks, would not suit the requirements of Newcastle. They had to face the fact that the berthing accommodation at Newcastle was necessarily more or less limited, and that the best thing to do was to increase the facilities for putting coal on board. If ships insisted upon getting mixed coal cargoes there ought to be some give and take. He did not see why steps should not be taken to induce purchasers to get over this difficulty by some uniformity in purchases. He was fully alive to the importance of Newcastle and the requirements of the port. There was no port outside of Sydney which had a stronger claim on the Government than Newcastle. The Government were always prepared to do what was reasonable and practicable to forward the interests of the port, because by doing so they favoured the interests of the whole State.

Mr. Earp said the proprietors were very anxious concerning the efficiency of the M'Myler dumps, and asked that until their efficiency had been proved none of the present cranes should be displaced.

The Premier: That is a matter for the Commissioners.

A RAILWAY WANTED.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—This letter is from a struggling woman in the far bush, asking co-operation in the effort we are making for the construction of a light line of railway from Wagga to Tumbarumba, via Humula. To lead up to our right for a railway, I must go back more than 20 years. This part of the country has always looked to Wagga as its natural market. There were carted potatoes, bacon, tobacco, in fact everything that was produced in the district, and disposed of at market value. People had comfortable homes, every housekeeper could calculate on selling poultry, eggs, or anything else she could produce, thereby adding materially to the comforts of the home and her little ones. Things are changed. Though Wagga is still, and always will be, our natural market, we can no longer successfully compete with other places which are favoured with railway communication, and are thus able to supply more cheaply than we can those products necessary for a large and growing community. Twenty years ago the Dibbs Government granted us the line from Wagga to Humula and Tumbarumba, and the amounts were placed on the Estimates. Then, before the matter could be any further advanced, Sir George Dibbs went out, and Sir Henry Parkes took his place. The Parkes Ministry considered it the proper thing to refuse anything proposed or granted by the outgoing Ministry, and our line shared the same fate as other things. From that time till about eight years ago there was not much stir made, but in 1899 Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan, then Minister for Works, and other members, visited the district, and inspected the proposed route. Mr. O'Sullivan seemed much impressed by the possibilities of the country through which the line would run. He assured us we could look upon the line as an accomplished fact, "for," said he, slapping his pocket, "I have it here." One could almost hear the whistle of the engine. A little later the Public Works Committee sat on us, and decided they could not conscientiously spend the public money on this line. I wonder if the new city railway station and other little plums needed by the people of Sydney had anything to do with their decision? Sydney people are apt to think that the city is the only place that requires consideration, forgetting the wise old adage, "God made the country; man made the town." Also, that country people could live after a primitive fashion if there never was a town, and that is more than Sydney could do if left to her own resources.

Well, this is a digression from my subject. From that time on to the present, we have been working continuously for this line. Quite lately a deputation waited on the Minister for Works and laid our claims before him. It was well received, and Mr. Lee promised to have the route resurveyed. This will be followed in due course by the Public Works Committee, and we feel confident our country will stand the test. About six weeks ago, Messrs. M'Garry (Murrumbidgee) and Carmichael (Leichhardt) visited the district, and travelled over the whole route. They were much pleased with the country, which they considered should have been served with a railway long ago, and at the conclusion of their visit promised to do all in their power to further our claims.

We are feeling very hopeful as to the result. Now that we have the closer settlement and compulsory resumption of land in force, much of the old objection, "the line won't pay interest," falls to the ground. All the country through which the proposed line will pass is eminently suited for closer settlement. At present it is largely held in big estates, but these can be resumed and made available for closer settlement. The water supply is a never-failing one, an important factor in a district such as this, which will in the future be largely devoted to dairying and such like industries. Even under present conditions, when cream and butter have to be carted 40 odd miles, this industry has taken root, and is going ahead. There is now a cheese factory at Tumbarumba, and one at Rosewood, and the cheese which they are turning out has taken prizes in the Sydney show. There is every prospect of a factory being established at Humula also in the near future. Besides this, sufficient fruit and vegetables of all kinds could be produced to satisfy the wants of New South Wales if we only had a market and more land to induce a larger population to settle. Our present community is a growing one; no declining birth-rate here. Our rulers clamour for a white Australia. How are they going to manage it, unless they settle our own people on the land? At the present time our young men roam about seeking for land to make a home. For every block of land thrown open there are about 50 applicants. Only one can get a prize. It is like Tattersall's sweeps. So the unsuccessful majority attend the next ballot, and so on, until the money which should have been spent in making homes has all melted away. Those men who would have made splendid citizens drift away, some to other countries, many to the cities, to swell the already overcrowded ranks of the unemployed. And we want to have the country opened up by railways. Then will follow the resumption of land and its natural sequence—a happy thriving population, with schools, churches, and everything else necessary to a good, clean white Australia. Our bush children will be able to take their place in life's battle, and in time supply the bone and muscle of our country, for the land is our natural heritage. There is still another argument in favour of the line from Wagga to Tumbarumba at the present time. Hundreds of thousands of starving stock are travelling to the mountains from drought-stricken plains. Thousands of these perish by the wayside because they are not strong enough to stand the long journey by road. Railway facilities would do away with this trouble. Then what a boon it would be to the hundreds of people who live in hot, arid parts to escape even for a short time from the heat and dust to the cool health-giving mountain regions. The proposed line would put this within easy reach of all, and that with very little expense.

I am, etc.,
ONE OF A BAND OF WORKING WOMEN.
Humula, Jan. 31.

BATHING AT COOGEE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—With reference to the regulations about to be adopted for the control of bathing at Coogee, it does not seem likely that much good will result therefrom unless public bathing is prohibited during certain hours of the day, say from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; at any rate, this should be so, at least, on Sundays, for that seems to be the principal day for the disgraceful exhibitions referred to in the daily press by different correspondents. A place so conveniently situated to the city as Coogee is should be principally for the use of children, and this was so a few years ago; whereas a visit to the place now shows that instead of being visited by parents who wish to give the little ones an outing, it is monopolised, especially on certain days, by the larrikin element of the city; and Coogee has such an unenviable reputation that parents have carefully to avoid this delightful seaside resort. There is no reason why Coogee should not be like Margate and other seaside places in the old country, and to make it so the only loss would be that of a few tram fares; but I have no doubt that if early morning trams were run conveniently there would be a large increase in the traffic during those hours.

I am, etc., GEORGE INGLIS HUDSON.

LAW REPORT.

DISTRICT COURT.
(Before Judge Rogers.)

A STRANGE CASE.

Buckley v Coates.

Mr. W. Parker (of E. R. Abigail) appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. A. B. Blackmore, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Eveleigh Buckley, of Glebe-road, Glebe, against Frederick William Coates, of George-street West, newsagent, to recover the sum of £50, made up of £30, portion of £200, received by defendant, for the use of plaintiff, and a promissory note for £20. In the course of the defendant's evidence, which was taken first, he stated that at one period he had lived with plaintiff, who knew at the time that he was a married man. On one occasion, when she was about to enter a private hospital, the plaintiff drew £200 out of the Savings Bank, and handed it to him. She remained in the hospital for about three weeks, and after she came out he returned her £170 of the money, in addition to £6 or £7 which he gave her while she was in the hospital. With this she expressed herself satisfied. Subsequently, at her request, defendant joined plaintiff at Katoomba, and they made a trip to Jenolan Caves in a motor car. The plaintiff was about 20 years of age when he first knew her, and she visited his mother, who had taken a fancy to her. Defendant also said that plaintiff gave him a receipt for the money due; but in his pleadings, he acknowledged his liability for the amount of the promissory note.

Plaintiff, in her evidence, said she was a single woman, and some time ago inherited about £300 from her father's estate. She was introduced to defendant by his mother. He was a single man at the time, and made her a promise of marriage, but some time afterwards, he told her he had been forced to marry another woman. He also said that if his wife got a divorce he would marry her (plaintiff). Being about to enter a private hospital for nerve complaint, she handed the defendant £200 for the purpose of purchasing a business. In March last, after leaving the hospital, defendant returned £170 to her, and promised to pay the balance. Plaintiff also said that she gave defendant money at various times, apart from the £200, and she also kept him for some time. She never asked defendant to go for a divorce from his wife, nor did she accept the promissory note for £20 in full payment of his liability to her. Defendant, called in reply, asserted that the plaintiff gave her the £200 unconditionally.

His Honor gave a verdict for the plaintiff in the full amount claimed.

IN BANKRUPTCY.
CREDITORS' PETITION.

Petersen, Boesen, and Co., Ltd., of York-street, warehousemen, v Le Yat, of Barraba, storekeeper, trading as Le Yat and Co. Petition to be heard February 14.

METROPOLITAN QUARTER SESSIONS.
(Before Judge Docker and juries.)
Mr. Herbert Harris, Crown Prosecutor.

SENTENCES.

The following persons who had been remanded for sentence were dealt with:—

George Green, stealing from the dwelling of Frederick Mander Ross at Manly on December 20, 12 months' hard labour in Bathurst gaol. The same accused was also sentenced to be imprisoned for a similar period in Bathurst gaol for larceny at Manly on the same date, sentences to be concurrent.

William Whitney, stealing from the dwelling of William Skea at Sydney on December 30, two years' hard labour in Bathurst gaol.

SENTENCED FOR ASSAULT.

A COURAGEOUS OLD MAN.

John Donnelly, a young man, pleaded not guilty to a charge of assaulting James Campbell at Sydney on January 13.

The case for the prosecution was that the accused was in a lane in Surry Hills creating a disturbance. Prosecutor, who had occasion to go down the lane, remonstrated with the accused for throwing stones, when the accused threatened to do him an injury. Prosecutor retraced his steps, but had not gone far when the accused, from behind, knocked him down. Whilst on the ground Campbell was subjected to kicks and blows by the accused. A witness named William Shaw, 83 years of age, stated that he went to prosecutor's assistance, and in endeavouring to pull the accused off prosecutor, he received a blow which dazed him.

The accused made a statement to the effect that he was in an epileptic fit, and that he was unconscious of his actions.

A verdict of guilty was returned. The foreman of the jury intimated to his Honor that they wished to compliment the courageous action of the witness Shaw. His Honor, in passing sentence, said that he was very glad to add his compliments to Shaw, an aged man, who at his own peril went to the assistance of prosecutor.

Donnelly, who had 11 previous convictions, for assault against him, was sentenced to two years' hard labour in Parramatta gaol.

REMANDED FOR SENTENCE.

Walter Cleaver, a middle-aged man, was indicted on a charge of shooting at William Stapleton with intent at Redfern on November 30. There was a second charge of maliciously wounding William Stapleton. The accused, who was represented by Mr. H. E. M'Intosh, pleaded guilty, and was remanded for sentence.

LAW NOTICES.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Chief Clerk.—O'Brien v O'Brien, 10.15 a.m. Gillies v Gillies, 10.15 a.m. Saunders v Saunders, 10.15 a.m.

In Chambers.—At 10 a.m.: Ex parte Dinahan, hd. cor.

In Equity.—Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Cherry v Thompson, to settle minutes of order. At 12 noon: Minister for Works and Cox, to tax costs. At 2 p.m.: Andrews v Saunders, to settle minutes of decree.

Probate Jurisdiction.—The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office: Thomas Rutledge, 10.30; Mary Ann Thompson, 12.

Bankruptcy Court, Moore-street.—Before the Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 10.30 a.m.: Re William Dunn, to settle the transcript record. At 11 a.m.: Hearing of creditor's petition: Elizabeth Campbell, executrix of the will of John Campbell, deceased, v William James Cranfield, confirmation of accounts and plans.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Docker, at 10 a.m.—Examination of judgment debtors (In Chambers in No. 2 Court): Rosenbloom v Leicester, Godfrey v Haselden, same v Hickey, Commissioners of Taxation v Howarth, Freeman v Macarthur, Godfrey v Kelly, Reid and another v Garton. Motions generally (in No. 1 Court): Harris v Scott, Leach v Jackson, H. M'Kenzie, Ltd., v Loo Lee, Millican v Iverson, Oriental Mortgage and Investment Co., Ltd. v Shepherd, Wallace v Bell, Hauser v Pybus, Butler v Bellamy, Lenehan v Wheeler, Sullivan v another, ats. Hislop, Hauer v Fagan, Cohen v Shepherd, Preston v Peterson, Oehlrich v Cowper, Pemley v Way, Cassidy v Laidlaw, Jacobs v Wakeham, Michaelis and another v Wilson, Godfrey v Campbell and another, Riches garnishee. Causes (not before 11 a.m.): Rosser v Hansen, Bennett v Mason.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Thomas Jefferson Charlton, perjury; Alfred Cox, larceny as a bailee.

SPECIAL COURTS.

Courthouse, Darlinghurst, at 10 a.m.—The Special Courts for the Electorates of Annandale, Botany, Darlinghurst, Glebe, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Middle Harbour, Newtown, Paddington, Petersham, Randwick, Redfern, Rozelle, St. Leonards, Waverley, and Woollahra will sit for the purpose of classifying the licensed premises within the said electorates.

The Special Court for the Electorate of Annandale will sit for the purpose of determining the reduction to be made in the number of the existing licenses within the said electorate.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRIES.

FATAL FALL.

Mr. H. S. Hawkins, J.P., held a magisterial inquiry at the Coroner's Court yesterday into the circumstances surrounding the death of Blanche Humphreys. Evidence was given that deceased was 40 years of age and wife of a marine fireman named Albert Humphreys, residing in North-street, Leichhardt. On the 31st January about 4 p.m. deceased, while under the influence of liquor, went to a grocer's shop at the corner of Allen and North streets. As she would not go away she was assisted to the door, and soon after passing through she staggered and fell into the roadway underneath two lorry horses. She seemed seriously hurt, and on removal to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital it was found that she had a fracture of the base of the skull, from which she died on the following day. A verdict of death from injuries accidentally received was recorded.

DEATH FROM SCALDS.

UPSET A SAUCEPAN OF BOILING WATER.

A magisterial inquiry was held into the death of Thomas Anthony Joseph Massey, aged 12 months, who lived with his parents at Cortentiam-street, Glebe. Mrs. Massey said that at about 5 p.m. on January 31 she had just given the baby a bath, when a call came to the door, and she went to answer it, leaving deceased in the kitchen. She heard him scream, and hastening back she found he had upset a saucepan of boiling water over himself. Witness left the pan on the gas ring. After being attended to he was taken to the Children's Hospital, where he died next day. A verdict of death from shock was recorded.

DEATH OF BEATRICE JOHNSON.

The Acting City Coroner (Mr. Murphy, S.M.), was to have resumed the inquest on the body of Beatrice Johnson, who died from septicaemia, following a certain event, on the 1st instant, yesterday afternoon. The inquest, however, was adjourned sine die for the purpose of enabling Frederick George Brown from New Zealand to attend.

The recent Bathurst race meeting is fully illustrated and described in the current issue of the "Sydney Mail." There is also a page devoted to picturesque Queensland. Excellent portraits of the late King of Portugal, the late Crown Prince, and of the Queen, besides many others, appear, which will appeal to our readers.—Advt.

POLICE COURTS.

CHARGES OF STEALING.

James Delaney, 19, a labourer, and George Tyler, 19, a bookmaker, were, before Mr. Isaacs, S.M., yesterday, at the Water Police Court, charged with stealing two bicycle wheels, and one outer cover, of the value of £2, the property of James Ager Igoe. The prosecutor carried on business as a general repairer at 110 Riley-street, Surry Hills. On January 30 last he saw the accused at the rear of an hotel in Riley-street, with the wheels in their possession. He informed them the wheels were his, but accused said they had bought them. Tyler struck him on the nose, whereupon witness caught him by the throat, but had to let him go, as Tyler called upon the push to support him. Both of the accused, against whom there were previous convictions, were sent to gaol for three months.

Joseph De Tores, a traveller, was charged at the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Isaacs, S.M., with stealing a walking stick from the shop of Joseph Rix, of Castlereagh-street, on November 5 last, of the value of 25s. It was stated that accused, after taking the stick, endeavoured to pawn it for 1s, but it being like one described as stolen in the list supplied by the police, some questions were put to the accused, who bolted, leaving the stick behind. Accused said that he had no intention of stealing it, but being on friendly terms with prosecutor, thought he might use it whenever he liked. A fine of £2 was imposed, or in default one month's gaol.

A SEAMAN IN TROUBLE.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., a Malayan seaman, Benassen, by name, was charged with being absent without leave from the steamer Den of Mains on January 27 last. He pleaded guilty. The man occupied the position of a prohibited immigrant, and the captain was liable to a fine of £100. In order to avoid the penalty, the captain did all he could to comply with the law. Accused was ordered to be imprisoned until the steamer sailed.

CHARGE OF THEFT.

Elizabeth Searle, a married woman, was charged at the Water Police Court yesterday with stealing a quantity of clothing, of the value of £14, from Mary Lorrimer, between December 24, 1907, and January 23 last. Accused was in the employ of the prosecutrix as a domestic at Forbes street, Darlinghurst. She pleaded guilty, and was fined £2, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment.

CRUELTY TO A HORSE.

At the North Sydney Police Court yesterday, before Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., Weng Georgey, a Chinaman, was proceeded against for cruelly ill-treating a horse on January 22 last. Defendant pleaded guilty. It was stated that he left the animal without food or water from 2.30 p.m. on January 22 until 4.30 p.m. on January 24. Defendant was fined £3, with the alternative of six weeks' imprisonment, with hard labour.

PUTRID MEAT UNDER A BED.

FILTHY PREMISES AT RANDWICK.

At the Paddington Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Barnett, S.M., Walter Barnes, sanitary inspector for the municipality of Randwick, proceeded against Charles Bunchanan, a resident of Gordon-street, Randwick, on an information charging him with suffering refuse to be scattered about the premises occupied by him.

Prosecutor stated that he visited defendant's premises on February 4. He found a considerable quantity of house refuse scattered about the yard. The interior of the premises was also in a very filthy condition. About the yard were pieces of decomposed meat, heads of poultry, fish tins, old rags, and other matter which filled half a cart. There was a bedstead in the front room of the house, and on the floor were the remains of two fowls in a putrid condition covered over with an old shirt. Under the bed witness found a plate of putrid meat, the stench from which caused him to think that there was a dead body in the house. Defendant, who lived alone, did not work, and owned property, his residence being one of a terrace of 13. The state of the premises was such as to render disinfecting imperative. Witness also stated that he was in a position to say that there was a danger of typhoid arising out of the condition of the premises. Another witness said that he could smell the stench arising out of the filth 50 yards away.

A fine of £25, with costs, or in default three months' hard labour, was imposed.

HIDING FROM THE POLICE.

Matthew Moore, alias Edwards, 26, a groom, appeared yesterday at Paddington Police Court charged with stealing in the dwelling-house of Edward Donovan, Oberon-street, Randwick, articles of the value of £13, on May 11, 1907. The arresting constables called at accused's residence, and finally located him between the ceiling and the roof. Moore reserved his defence, and was committed for trial.

A RACECOURSE INCIDENT.

George Coleman, 26, fireman, was yesterday morning, at the Paddington Police Court, charged with, at Randwick racecourse, on January 25, attempting to steal a watch and chain from the person of Thomas Neenan. Prosecutor said that whilst he was on the flat at Randwick he felt a pull at his waistcoat. He turned round, and grabbed the accused. The watch and chain were on the ground. Whilst prosecutor stooped down to pick them up the accused, whom he was still holding, struck him on the mouth. Accused was detained until the arrival of a constable. Coleman, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial.

PUBLICANS' LICENSES TRANSFERRED.

The following publicans' licenses were transferred yesterday at the Central Licensing Court:—Waverley Hotel, Cowper-street, Waverley, Mary A. Dabron to John W. Gardner; West Sydney Hotel, Sussex and Bathurst streets, Walter Rees to Elizabeth Ahern; Bridge Hotel, Forest Lodge, Michael A. Egan to Samuel V. Bartlett; Glebe Hotel, Glebe, Magdalene Hall to George Hall; Crown Hotel, Crown and Cleveland streets, Denis Jones to Henry Thorpe.

FREE FIGHT AT PITT TOWN.

FIFTY MEN ENGAGED.

MANY INJURED.

ALL ABOUT A HORSE.

WINDSOR, Thursday.

On Tuesday the peaceful little village of Pitt Town, on the Hawkesbury River, was the scene of a riot seldom equalled in a country town. As is the case with most wars it owed its start to a trifling matter—the question as to which of two horses was the better. This was being argued by two neighbours rather hotly. Nothing may have come of the wordy conflict but for the fact that a third man entered into the argument. Then one man offered to fight the other two.

The next instant all three were mixed up in a general scuffle. After some few minutes' fighting one of the men was knocked down, and while on the ground it is alleged he was kicked about the head and body. The fallen man made several efforts to rise, but each time was sent down again with a well-directed blow or kick. Finding it useless to try to rise the man adopted other tactics. He seized one of his opponent's legs to bring him down, but not being able to upset him fastened on to the leg with his teeth. This form of attack proved most successful, for the bitten man pulled out of the fight to examine his leg, and with only one adversary to contend with the man on the ground soon got up, and ran away for assistance.

Calling two mates to his help, the man who had been set upon returned to the fray. It was then three to two, and a merry fight they made of it. When the engagement was commenced only fists and feet were used, but one of the two finding himself hard pushed seized a paling to defend himself with against his two assailants. The tables were then turned, and the couple had to flee to escape the shower of blows rained on them by the paling swinger. However, they did not run very far until they also got hold of palings, which they used with much vigour. One of them broke his piece of wood, and being unable to obtain another armed himself with road metal, with which he put in some telling work.

The battle raged for some time, until all five were almost exhausted. Just as they were about to give in from loss of blood and lack of energy a party of residents put in an appearance, and, taking sides, continued the melee.

As the fight went on each side grew, until about 50 men were engaged hammering each other with palings, saplings, or anything that came to their hands.

As might be supposed, many of the participants in the fight were injured. In some cases medical advice had to be called in.

Eventually the peaceable portion of the inhabitants brought about a cessation of hostilities.

The Windsor police when informed of the affray secured the names of several of the rioters with a view to prosecution.

STRATHFIELD OVERBRIDGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—With reference to the above subject, and in reply to Mr. Gregg's letter, I desire to point out the following facts "pro bono publico":—The Burwood Council exists, and has existed, on the ratepayers' money. The Mayor and aldermen pretend, and have pretended, to act in the interest of the ratepayers in return for their confidence and support. Even allowing there was any truth in the statement that the Burwood Council did not approve of the plans, I now challenge them to prove how, when, and where they objected. A seven-inch paragraph, with full details of the intended work, was published early in the year 1899 in your esteemed paper, a copy of which I have now before me, a clear proof that the original plan was never deviated from, notwithstanding the statement the Burwood Council has made to the contrary. Why did they, who pretended to have the interests of the public at heart, not protest then, instead of allowing eight years to pass over before they discover the alleged bad engineering, even though they had in their council an engineer of repute (Mr. Cardew)? Surely his professional eye could have detected, even at that stage, faults so glaring and dangerous as Mr. Gregg would have us to believe, but which in reality are only moonshine. Mr. Gregg's letter clearly shows that there is no need for Parliament to present Burwood Council with any white elephant. Fortunately, they are self-feeders. Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof.

I am, etc.,
GEO. EDWARDS, J.P.

Mr. W. M. Hughes, M.P., in America.—This is one of the leading features of the illustrated section. It is the first of a series.—Advt.

BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES ACT.

THIRTY-SIX CHARGES AGAINST A JAM MANUFACTURER.

At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Love, D.S.M., Walter I. Taylor, chief inspector under the Shops and Factories Act, proceeded against Thomas Boyce, occupier of a jam factory situated in Golden Grove-street, Darlington, on 36 separate charges of committing breaches of the Shop and Factories Act.

Mr. R. Windeyer, instructed by F. E. Wood, appeared for the defence.

Mr. Windeyer informed the Court that an arrangement had been come to between himself and the inspector that two of the charges were to be withdrawn, and they had also arranged what the penalties were to be in the other cases, subject of course to the approval of the Court.

The magistrate: The question of penalties is a matter entirely for the Court.

Mr. Windeyer: Quite so, your worship; but to save the time of the Court the inspector and I have arranged to ask that the maximum penalty be imposed in one case under each section of the Act, and the minimum penalty in each of the remaining cases.

The magistrate: I take it as a suggestion only.

Mr. Windeyer: That is what it is intended to be.

The cases were then called on in batches. The first case was not affixing a notice in the factory. This was withdrawn.

Defendant was then charged with having employed a female at overtime work in his factory, and did not keep a record of such overtime, and the hours thus worked by the girls. There were three of these cases.

Mr. Windeyer said defendant would plead guilty, but he would say that record books were in existence, but had not been fully posted. However, the rough book had been shown to the inspector. It was a very busy season just now with the jam manufacturers, and that accounted for the neglect. In the first case defendant was fined £10, together with 23s costs, in default imprisonment for one month. In each of the two other cases he was fined 10s and 23s costs, in default imprisonment for seven days. Ten pounds is the maximum penalty.

The defendant was next charged with having employed at overtime work a female for more than three hours beyond the ordinary working hours of the said factory. There were six of these cases, and they were taken together.

Mr. Windeyer pleaded guilty, but asked that the maximum penalty of £5 be imposed in one case, and a fine in each of the other five cases.

The magistrate said he would not do that. He thought 5s was quite low enough a fine in such cases.

Mr. Windeyer: The inspector agreed to a minimum penalty.

The inspector: I did not. I said I would leave it to his worship and I intend to do so.

Mr. Windeyer: Jam making is a peculiar business. Fruit comes in to-day. It must be dealt with at once. Next day it would be useless, so that the girls had to work overtime, for which they were well paid. In fact, the girls desired to be employed continually, and to get through their work before going home to their tea. It saved them coming back again. The manager was studying the convenience of the girls.

The inspector: Defendant wrote in to the department for permission to work the girls for more than three hours continually, and he was refused.

The magistrate: In the first case the fine is to be £2 and 7s costs, and in each of the five other cases the fine is to be 5s and 7s costs, or imprisonment for seven days.

Defendant was then charged with having employed in his factory a female at overtime work for more than three consecutive days. There were seven of these cases, and they were heard together.

Mr. Windeyer pleaded guilty, but pointed out that although the girls worked overtime on three consecutive days they really worked less overtime than was allowed by the Act if spread over the week.

The Inspector: Yes, but the department considers it is not right to work girls day after day such long hours, and it has put its face against allowing this to be done.

Defendant, in the first case, was fined £2 and 7s costs, in default imprisonment for seven days, and in each of the six other cases a fine of 5s and 7s costs was imposed.

Defendant was then charged with having employed a female continuously in a factory for more than five hours without an interval of at least half an hour for a meal. There were eight of these cases.

Mr. Windeyer said the girls worked on without a break, of their own free will, rather than come back for perhaps half an hour after tea.

The inspector: The girls worked from a quarter to 2 until 7.30 or 8 o'clock without food, and the department considered that too long.

In the first case the defendant was fined £2 and 6s costs, in default imprisonment for seven days, and in each of the other seven cases a fine of 5s and 6s costs was imposed.

Defendant was next charged with having employed a child under the age of 14 years in his factory without special permission of the Minister. There were 11 of these cases, but one was withdrawn.

The inspector informed the Court that the Minister in some cases permitted children of 13 years to work in a factory, but his special permission had to be obtained, and in the case of this factory such permission had been obtained, but no child under 13 was permitted to work in a factory under any circumstances. In these cases the children were under 13.

Mr. Windeyer said parents came along and said their boy was 13 years of age, and without you compelled them to produce their birth certificate you could not tell their age. He produced a letter from the mother of one of the boys concerned in these cases, in which she apologised to the manager for having wrongly given the age of her son.

The inspector: These prosecutions are taken because the department believed this firm did not make proper inquiries concerning the age of these boys.

The magistrate: Those engaged in police court work know of the difficulties which arise over children's correct ages. In licenser cases parents who send their children to hotels often advance the age of the child to save themselves.

The inspector: Permission is given in the jam season to employ boys 13 and over, but not under 13. Some of these boys were small. He would call in court the boy whose mother wrote the note apologising for giving a wrong age.

Amid much laughter a delicate white-faced little chap about the height of the solicitors' table, was brought in by a tall policeman.

The magistrate: Is that boy employed as a hand in a factory. (Laughter.)

Mr. Windeyer: Oh, no, your worship, only during the school holidays.

Magistrate: And what does he do?

Mr. Windeyer: Pick fruit, your worship, and the children enjoy the work. (Laughter.)

Magistrate: Well, any sane person would never take him for 13 years of age. (Laughter.)

Mr. Windeyer: His mother gave his age to the manager.

Magistrate: But if any person told you he was 13 years of age would you believe them? Many old boys are born out here, but not of that stamp. (Laughter.)

The magistrate said he would make the fines all alike in these cases, viz., 5s with 7s costs in each case, in default imprisonment for three days.

The fines and costs amounted to £33 9s.

Mr. Windeyer said it had been stated in the press and other places that this factory was badly conducted, and was filthy, etc. He would there and then publicly deny the statements, and call upon the inspectors if necessary to bear out his denial.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The annual farce of written examinations is about to be perpetrated. In April next several hundred teachers of the Department of Public Instruction will spend a whole week writing answers to questions set by humorous gentlemen whom we never see. And this after months of "cramming." I say "cramming," for written examinations never produce anything else under any circumstances. Still less is there a chance of study when the day is taken up with teaching, and part of the night with the work of correcting exercises and outlining the next day's school work. It is true the service is stuffed with illiterate men and worse than illiterate women. But that is the fault of the department. It should have supplied them with previous education, or should have required that they obtained it at the secondary schools. No amount of cramming will make these illiterates cultured. There they are; and if the best is to be made of a bad job let them read widely and thoroughly one subject to qualify for a higher classification; and, above all, let their examination be oral. Such a course has some chance of giving them a little culture. Cramming in 14 or 15 subjects, as is at present required, can only do them harm. But whatever poor excuse can be made for the written tests in arithmetic, geography, geometry, algebra, or even history, how imbecile to attempt to gauge a person's ability to teach, or even knowledge of, English, French, Latin or music by a written examination! Yet there are 1A men to-day in the service teaching these subjects by the right of having passed a written examination in them—men who cannot speak correctly three words of French or Latin, and who are absolutely stone-deaf! Fancy young Australians being taught French by a teacher who could not obtain a drink of water from Frenchmen except by gesticulation! Or music by a diplomaed empiric who cannot distinguish between the sounds of "me" and "fah!" Yet this sort of thing obtains in our schools, and will obtain while teachers go through the mental degradation of written examinations.

I am, etc.,
BUSH TEACHER.

HOW THE TEETH INFLUENCE THE HEALTH.

The indigestion martyr, the bilious sufferer, and those people affected with that "tired feeling" and "lack of energy" can, in most cases, trace the indifferent state of their health to lack of proper mastication, and utter disregard of cleanliness with regard to the teeth. Sick and nervous headaches are invariably caused by decayed teeth containing poisonous substances in their cavities, which, being swallowed into the stomach, are very often the cause of bilious and nervous attacks, or impregnate the mouth with harmful disease germs which have a dire effect on the human system. Zam-Buk Tooth Powder, being a powerful germicide and antiseptic, will prevent decay caused through germ-life, and will thoroughly cleanse the hollow teeth, remove tartar and stains, neutralise noxious germs, and leave the breath pure and wholesome. Zam-Buk Tooth Powder is sold by all chemists and storekeepers in novel and handy glass jars which prevent waste, at 6d per jar, or 3 large family size, containing nearly four times the quantity, can be obtained for 1s 3d; or it may be obtained direct from the Zam-Buk Mfg. Co., 39 Pitt-street, Sydney.—Advt.

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SOUTH COAST FARM COMPETITION.

Mr. Hugh Colley's property, Green Vale, lies alongside the pretty little town of Jamberoo, about five miles from Kiama, the property being at the head of the Terragong swamp. It consists of rich flats, some of which is ideal lucerne country. Mr. Colley has gone in for growing a litle lucerne for the last eight or nine years, but has not a large area. He cuts it about every six weeks and gives it to the herd the day after cutting. A newly-ploughed paddock, just being prepared for a further area of the same fodder, should give big yields as it lies between two creeks. Mr. Colley is opposed to paspalum. He tried it and found it took on too well. It grew rank, but the main objection was that it would interfere with future ploughing operations. As he intends to go in for lucerne, and also practices rotation by laying down the paddocks with grass after cropping for three years, this is a big consideration. Lucerne is the more valuable fodder, and should have first attention. The herd are in low condition. This year it was too dry even for the swamp flats, and the large hay sheds are empty. The cattle are a lot of mixed crosses. There is a strain of the original Illawarra type but it is getting departed from to a big extent, and the result is uneven. The cows are rugged in winter. There is also a winter milking yard and bails, there being 28 stalls in a big shed. The floor is paved, but there does not appear to be a complete system of drainage, and the ventilation is weak, the ceiling being very low to make a loft. There is no doubt it would be snug quarters on a cold winter day, but there is a danger of the building being too close and stuffy, which is a bad point where milking is carried on. The summer bails are further up the paddocks, and are clean and serviceable. The homestead is a good one, and the steading is ample. The latter, however, is rather on the old side, and some of the fences have the same fault.

The farm is well fitted up with machinery and implements for carrying on, and is giving a big return. Mr. Colley goes in for steel milk cans, as he finds they pay best in the end, standing the knocking about better. The milk is at present being sent to Sydney. He goes in for pigs fairly extensively, but this industry has had a big knock on the coast this year, owing to the scarcity of milk.

Mr. T. Fredericks, "Burnside," is milking about 28 cows on an adjoining property to Mr. Colley's. The property is a small one of 86 acres. The herd are a good type, the old South Coast strain being well adhered to. This year they are in low condition, having had a bad time. The homestead is a neat little one, but the fencing and steading is hardly up to competition standard.

At "River Farm," seven miles from Albion Park, the property of Lady M'Millan, the most striking feature on the place, is the splendid milking yards, bails, and dairy. They are indeed as near model perfection as could be conceived. The whole of the yard is covered with a solid floor of cement. It spreads outside the fence, and has a slight slope, with a cement drain round the yard. Water is laid on, and taps placed along the bails. With a hose, the whole place can be kept, and is, in a perfect state of cleanliness. The old adage of having one's meals on the floors is quite applicable in this case. The bails are of modern type, with bungalow verandah roof. Doors at the head of the bails leading out to the pasture ground, are all worked from the rear of the animal. Outside the cement yard there is another yard paved with rubble. A covered-in-way, with a cement floor, connects the dairy with the milking-yard. Water is also laid on to the dairy, which has a weatherboard ceiling, cement floor, and is fully fitted up. In an adjoining room is a six-horsepower boiler, which also works a Tangye pump down near the bank of the river. The Macquarie River runs through the property. Further up the hill are another lot of fine outbuildings. The stables have brick floors, alongside is a large shed, with a cement floor in one corner to support the chaffcutter, which is worked by a small 4 h.-p. engine connected with the boiler in the other building. The machinery is all under cover, and the water from all these buildings is collected by spouting, and run into a large tank. The pigsties are fitted up on similar lines. The floors are cement, the curved roofs iron, the ventilation is first-class, and the water laid on. The pigs, however, are not up to the same high standard. The dairy herd are crossbreds, with a big touch of Ayrshire, as well as other strains. The stock on the property are weak, especially compared with the high stand of the improvements, which are far ahead of anything yet seen in the district. There are some good flats on the banks of the river, but of limited area. The rest of the property is good hill country. There are five acres under lucerne, which is doing well. Another area of four acres is going in now, Mr. Griffin, the manager, reckoning this is the best time, in opposition to the view held by other local growers, who favour March. He considers that month is too late. The idea of sowing in March is to avoid the big growth of weeds. Mr. Griffin sows 10lb to 13lb to the acre. He also goes in for purple-topped turnips with good results. Rye, prairie, and paspalum grasses have been sown down on the property. The homestead is a neat building on a high point on the hill, and overlooking the whole property.

ITEMS.

Although South Australia was the first State to establish a Government butter factory, it is the last of the dairy States to take up the work of a farm where choice stock are raised for the purpose of improving local herds. The dairy expert is warmly advocating that this omission should be filled without delay. The result, he argues, has been exceptionally good in New South Wales, Western Australia, and Queensland, for the milking capacity of the herds, type of stock, and values have been considerably enhanced thereby. A move has already been made in the direction indicated, as a few shorthorns have been purchased in New South Wales, and the bulls are now let out to dairymen on terms. He strongly recommends the importation of Guernsey, Shorthorns, and Ayrshires, and thinks it would be a good plan to buy several good cows in Australia. The Guernsey he is much impressed with, as he is positive the country will suit them as well as the Jerseys, which have succeeded so well that he claims the South Australian representatives of the breed cannot be beaten in the world.

The Danysz Fund Committee have communicated with various pasture protection boards to ascertain what local holdings would be available to experiment with the Danysz virus in the event of permission to do so being obtained from the Federal Government. Permission has not yet been granted, but the committee desire to have everything in readiness for a thorough trial should same be forthcoming. With one exception, all the pastures boards have expressed themselves in favour of the experiments being made.

The question has been raised by the dairy supervisor in the Geelong district, Victoria, as to whether steps should not be taken to devise means to prevent the spread of dodder. He has observed the spread of dodder in native grasses and herbs in the vicinity of the Moorabool River, but up to the present it has not attacked English grasses.

It is reported that Mr. G. Wellford's Eugowra station, in the Forbes district, has changed hands, the purchasers being Messrs. Conroy and Doyle, whose intention is to subdivide the estate into dairy farms.

Some of the residents at Merrilands, advised by the Principal of the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, planted some roots of Rhodes grass to test its suitability to the local climate and soil. Protracted dry weather was not favourable to a completely satisfactory result, but the conditions are now quite altered by recent rains, and there can be no doubt that the Rhodes grass is more suited to the locality than paspalum, having greater staying powers against drought. Neither is a winter grass. A new grass, Phalaris commutatus, has shown itself to be proof against frost, keeping green and growing well in the depth of winter.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., have sold on behalf of Mr. John Moir, six Aberdeen-Angus bulls to Mr. A. J. Cunningham, of Lanyon, Queanbeyan. Three of these were bred by Mr. Moir, from cows imported from Scotland by the late Mr. D. G. Clark, of Richmond Vale, Victoria, the sires being from the stock of Mr. David Syme's well-known stud. The other three were bred by Mr. H. Pearce, of Wagra, Tallangatta, Victoria, and are of the pure Pride of Aberdeen strain, and, with one exception from stud cows imported from New Zealand. They were selected by Mr. Moir, and passed the tuberculin test. These bulls show great quality, being a thick-fleshed, heavy-bodied, short-legged lot, with wonderful development on the top.

THE PARKES DISTRICT.

A PROGRESSIVE CENTRE.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE SEASON'S WORK.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.)

Parkes originally earned fame as a goldfield. Thirty or forty years ago thousands of people were attracted to the spot, which was then a motely collection of habitations characteristic of "diggings." The town owes its name to the late Sir Henry Parkes, after whom it was called, and in later years Sir Henry Parkes presented the local council with a marble bust of himself.

All that remains to-day of this former greatness as a goldfield are the mullock heaps and the old leads and stacks and windlasses of a few mines which are still worked spasmodically.

Its present substantial prosperity is due to the agricultural development which has taken place during the last 18 years, and which, despite an unreliable rainfall, has created a sturdy lot of farmers, who are building up an industry by methods, in most cases, of advanced husbandry.

The fact that Parkes is a progressive community is seen in its business-houses, public buildings, and churches. Last year £15,000 was spent in the erection of new buildings. As the old order passes away there is arising a modern town, which is destined to become more important as the years roll by.

In the year 1891 the area under wheat was between five and six thousand acres, while to-day it amounts to over 100,000 acres, a tribute to railway development, and the opportunity of putting people on the land.

This season has been a bad one for the farmer; the want of sufficient rainfall was bad enough, but the grasshopper brought about a crisis that required the stoutest hearts to overcome. But such is the character of the man who is battling against these difficulties, that he puts it down "to the luck of the game," and makes another bid for success. Such is the spirit which permeates the western farmer, and his persistency is a virtue which cannot be under-valued.

Both the oats and the wheat crop suffered. One man, who took 800 bags of oats off his holding last season, did not take a bag this, so great was the devouring capacity of the "hopper." This meant a loss of at least £500, a nice little drop in the bucket. Generally speaking, the wheat crop proved abortive, owing to reasons already mentioned. Five bushels was about the average, much below the normal season's yield. There were some good yields. There are always patches of good stuff in the worst of seasons.

The system of bare fallowing has been found highly beneficial in the cultivation of wheat, and it is considered that properly worked it will push the wheat belt 60 or 70 miles further out into the semi-arid district of the State, where the rainfall is much less than at Parkes. One man obtained a five-bag crop as the result of this method of tillage. Briefly, it is simply ploughing all available land from the time last handful of wheat is sown, which is usually not later than June until harvest. The old method was to only plough a certain area in a given time, and not to touch any unploughed land until the next ploughing season. Now the ploughing goes on continually, and while one portion of the farm is growing the crop the other land is being prepared for the next seeding. The fallowing of land is no new thing, and the turning up of the soil acts as a mulch to the subsoil, with the result that any rainfall that takes place is retained.

The use of up-to-date implements has also enlarged the margin of profit for the farmer. The disc plough has made him independent of the rain to commence ploughing, and although he cannot do without it, still he can turn up his soil in a manner which no mould-board plough could do. The disc is very effective in its pulverisation of the soil, and they can be obtained from the single-furrow up to as many as may suit individual requirements.

In the district very little maize is grown, as it will not ear well, and is useless for grain.

Dairying has been established with some success, and while the seasons are good a very fair output was maintained at the factory of the Parkes Dairy Company, Ltd. When going the factory has some seventy suppliers, but this has dwindled down to a few, and only about two tons of butter a month is being manufactured, which is all consumed locally. Most of the suppliers have only taken up dairying as a side line, and are therefore not prepared for a dry spell to the extent which dairy-farmers are in those districts where the cows are the principal pursuit. Despite the bad season the factory has kept going continuously, and the surrounding district is supplied with ice by the refrigerating machinery. During last year 279,279lb cream were treated for 132,218lb of butter, and 38,978lb of milk for 1612lb of butter. The butter sales for the year amounted to £6308, a not inconsiderable amount when it is considered that it is not essentially a dairying district.

Another feature of the farming of this district is that on most farms there are a few sheep, whose wool adds to the income of the farm, and the lambs are also fairly profitable.

At the present time farmers are chancing a lot with regard to the price of wheat. The market is showing a downward tendency, and it is confidently predicted here that wheat will be down to four shillings before long. Still, a number are holding on, while buyers are eager at 4s 2d, and the fluctuations in the English market are being keenly watched. The rain, as usual, knocked the bottom out of the fodder market.

The future of the district seems assured as a great centre for agricultural produce, and the further subdivision of some of the land in the neighbourhood must increase its prosperity, especially if good seasons are experienced.

GRASS ON COASTAL LAND.

Mr. T. A. Fuller, Kiama, writes:—"I have a paddock on a point which runs out into the sea, and as it is much exposed to the storms crops do not grow at all well on it, being repeatedly cut down by the salt spray. I have thought of trying paspalum with some other grass to see if it would prove more hardy than the crops, and would feel obliged for your opinion re this matter. If you think it would prove even fairly successful kindly state how much seed should be sown to the acre, and what would be a good grass to try with it, and the quantity to be sown per acre. I am engaged in dairy-farming, and need a grass that is a good milk-producer."

We have no record of paspalum growing under the above conditions exactly, but it grows well in the north within a stone throw of the coastline. If paspalum won't grow there is not much prospect of success with any other suitable fodder. Marram will grow under such conditions, but is useless for dairy cattle, although serviceable for dry stock or horses. It would be worth while our correspondent experimenting with paspalum, as in the end that is the only way to secure satisfaction. Paspalum should be sown about six pounds to the acre, or he could experiment quicker with a few plants, which he would have no difficulty in obtaining from some of the landholders on the Terragong Swamp, where paspalum is most successfully grown.

FORFEITED HOMESTEAD SELECTIONS.

With reference to recent press paragraphs on the subject of forfeited homestead selections, it is pointed out by the Department of Lands that while there are 1084 homestead selections in the land districts of Wagga and Narrandera, the number of forfeitures declared in the last "Government Gazette" is only 27, or less than 2½ per cent. of the whole number. Of course this number bears a small proportion to the number of notices sent out, but a very large number of forfeitures have been averted owing to representations from the holders. The total number of declared forfeitures during the 12 years since the homestead selection tenure was created is 170, or about 1.6 per cent., and in nearly every case a reversal of forfeiture could have been secured by a small effort on the part of the homestead selector. The large number of holders who keep abreast of their statutory obligations in good seasons and in bad seasons is regarded as indicating that the conditions under which the leases are offered are not burdensome, but rather the reverse; and it must be admitted that it is only bare justice to the settler who does pay to see that no unreasonable concessions are allowed to the few who do not pay.

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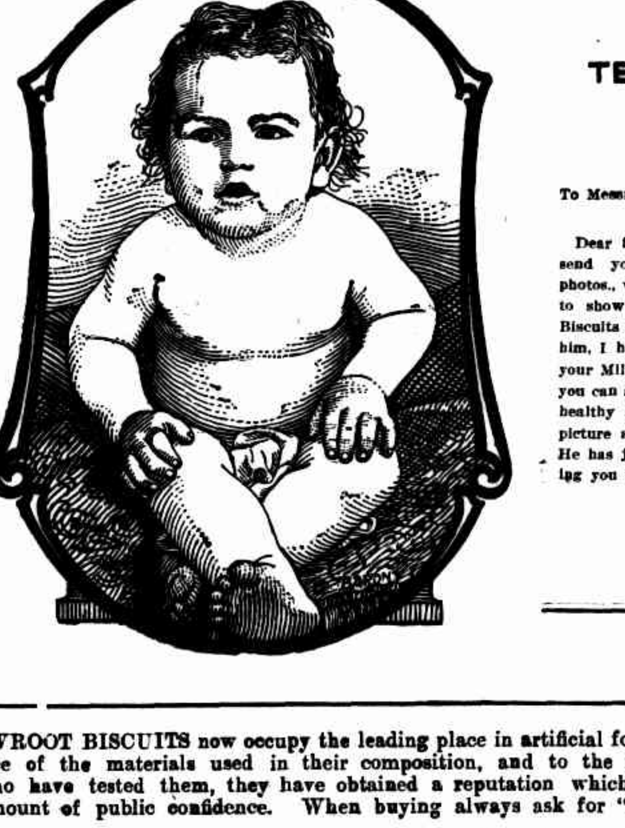
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TESTIMONIAL.

Gilgandra,
December 17, 1907.
To Messrs. William Arnott, Ltd.,
Newcastle.
Dear Sirs,—I have been advised to send you one of my baby boy's photos., which I now do with pleasure, to show what your Milk Arrowroot Biscuits do. Being unable to nurse him, I have absolutely reared him on your Milk Arrowroot Biscuits, and, as you can see by his portrait, he is both healthy and strong. We think this picture a very true likeness of him. He has just turned 12 months. Trusting you will like it, I remain,
Yours truly,
Mrs. T. J. Nash.

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FRUIT PESTS.

Mr. John P. Rooney, Carlotta, Mudgee, writes:—An expert from the Agricultural Department has lately been visiting the fruit gardens and vineyards of the Mudgee district. The advice and instruction given by him must be productive of great good, as in plain language he explained to the farmers how to keep down pests, especially the codlin moth and fruit fly. What I want to point out, however, is that as long as infested fruit cases are sent from Sydney here the fruitgrower's labour will be in vain. If all fruit cases were at some central depot, say Darling Harbour, put into boiling water long enough to destroy the fly and moth, and then returned to the owners, very few if any pests would reach the country districts. Unless something in this direction be done all the efforts of the growers and instructions of the expert will be of little use.

WOLLONGONG SHOW.

FIRST DAY.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

The 26th annual exhibition of Wollongong A. H. and I. Association was opened to-day. The weather was all that could be desired, and there was a good attendance from all parts of the district as well as from Sydney and the northern rivers. The recent rains brightened up things considerably, cattle breeders consequently being in good heart. The exhibits of cattle and horses, although not so numerous as on former occasions, were well up to standard. Farm, dairy, fruit, flowers, and vegetable sections, although in decreased numbers, made a creditable display. The entries totalled about 3000—a few hundred less than last year. The poultry section was a show in itself. Breeders were very liberally catered for, and as a result entries were good, some beautiful birds being shown, R. Osborne winning the champion prize with a Minorca. Competition in dog and pigeon sections was also keen. Dairy cattle were naturally a leading feature, some very fine types being shown. Keen interest was taken in the judging. Mr. C. W. Craig annexed the prize for the champion bull in dairy cattle, other than pure bred. Mr. T. Cook secured honours for cow or heifer in the same class. For a group of cattle in the same class, consisting of a bull, cow, and heifer (2 years and under 3 years), and heifer (1 year and under 2 years), Mr. C. W. Craig carried off first prize with 260 points as against T. Cook's 224 points. In Durham class milking strain, T. Musgrave secured champion ribbon for bull, T. Cook taking the same honours for a cow or heifer. C. Lamond carried all before him in the Ayrshires, securing champion for bull, cow, or heifer. In the Alderney or Jersey sections the well-known South Coast breeders, D. Hyam and Sons, were the principal winners, annexing champion prizes for bull and cow. The grand champion prize for a bull was won by a very fine animal owned by T. Musgrave, T. Cook securing similar honours for a cow. In the champion competition for exhibit of butter suitable for export, the Nowra Co-operative Dairy Company were successful.

The show will be officially opened to-morrow by the Chief Secretary, in the unavoidable absence of the Premier, and will conclude on Saturday. The energetic secretary, J. A. Beatson, had arrangements complete, and a very large attendance is expected to-morrow and miners' day (Saturday).

Results:—

Horses.—Stallion, 3 yrs and over: Jenkins and O'Donnel. Stallion or gelding, 2yrs and under 3yrs: C. M'Glinchey, 1; T. Spinks, 2. Stallion or gelding, 1yr and under 2yrs: J. Phillips. Mare, 3yrs and over, with or without foal: R. T. Jenkins, 1 and 2. Filly, 2yrs and under 3yrs: T. Quirk, 1; R. B. Cram, 2. Filly, 1yr and under 2yrs: T. Spinks, 1; R. Elliott, 2. Heavy draught stock stallion, 3yrs and over: D. Manson, 1; F. W. Phillipotts, 2. Stallion or gelding, 1yr and under 2yrs: W. Buchanan. Mare, either colonial-bred or imported, 3yrs and over: A. Taylor, 1 and 2. Filly, 2yrs and under 3yrs: D. Manson. Filly, 1yr and under 2yrs: D. Manson, 1; W. Buchanan, 2. Best draught foal at show: D. Manson. Coaching Horses.—Stallion, 3yrs and over: S. M'Gill. Mare, 3yrs and over: P. James, 1; R. C. Johnson, 2. Roadsters.—Mare, 3yrs and over: L. Carr, 1; J. Dobinson, 2. Active Farm Horses.—Pair plough horses or mares: G. Clarke, 1; A. Taylor, 2. Gelding or mare, suitable for farm work: J. M'Sweeney, 1; Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Company, 2. Army Remount Horses.—Stallion, suitable for producing horses for remount purposes: Jenkins and O'Donnell. Mare, suitable for producing horses for remount purposes: P. James, 1; L. Carr, 2. Ponies.—Stallion, between 13 and 14 hands: W. Townsend, 1; G. Bode, 2. Stallion, 3yrs and under, height 13.2 and under: S. Carland, 1; W. Portus, 2. Stallion, under 13 hands: S. M'Farland, 1; W. Portus, 2. Pony colt, 12 months and under: G. Bode. Mare, between 13 and 14 hands inclusive: W. Portus, 1; C. W. Craig, 2. Mare, under 11 hands: H. A. Blomfield. Miscellaneous Horses.—Van horse or mare: J. H. Parsons, 1; Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society, 2. Milkcart turnout: R. C. Johnston. Buggy horse or mare, to be driven in double buggy: W. Rann, 1; C. S. M'Coll, 2. Jumper, horse or mare, that has not won a prize for jumping at any show: P. James, 1; J. N. King, 2. Boy rider, 12 years and under: Claude Elliott, 1; J. Chittick, 2. Equestrienne (non-winner): Miss P. Wallace, 1; Miss Stone, 2. Pony gelding or mare in harness, 13½ hands or under: H. G. Fraser, 1; Miss Henderson, 2. Girl rider, under 13 years: Miss A. Couch, 1; Miss Stone, 2. Galloway hackney, between 14 and 14½ hands: J. Chittick, 1; W. Buchanan, 2. Flat race, for ponies under 13 hands: J. Townsend's Gipsy, 1; J. Thomas's Tameboy, 2. Pony jump, open to ponies 13.2 or under (non-prizewinner): C. Grieves' Jess, 1; J. N. King's Midget, 2.

Dairy Cattle other than Purebred.—Bull, 3 yrs. and upwards: C. W. Craig, 1; E. Bouser, 2. Bull, 2 yrs. and under 3 yrs: T. Cook. Bull, 1 yr and under 2 yrs: T. Cook. Bull calf: G. Chinnock, 1. Cow in milk: T. Cook, 1; G. Barrett, 2. Dry cow: C. W. Craig, 1; T. Cook, 2. Pen of three cows, property of exhibitor: D. Hyam and Sons, 1; T. Cook, 2. Heifer, 2 yrs and under 3 yrs: C. W. Craig, 1; T. Cook, 2. Pen of 4 heifers: T. Cook, 1; C. W. Craig, 2. Heifer, 1 yr and under 2 yrs: T. Cook, 1; E. W. Craig, 2. Pen of three heifers not exceeding 3 yrs: C. W. Craig, 1; T. Cook, 2. Pen of three heifer calves, under 12 months, bred by exhibitor: T. Cook. Champion bull: C. W. Craig. Champion cow or heifer: T. Cook. Group of cattle: C. W. Craig, 1; T. Cook, 2.

Durham Class (milking strain).—Bull, 2 yrs and upwards: T. Musgrave, 1; T. Cook, 2. Bull, 2 yrs and under 2 yrs: C. W. Craig, 1; J. Burgess, 2. Bull calf, under 12 months: T. Cook. Cow, any age: T. Cook. Heifer, 2 yrs and under 3 yrs: C. W. Craig, 1; T. Cook, 2. Pen of three heifers: C. W. Craig, 1; T. Cook. Champion bull: T. Musgrave, 1; T. Cook, 2. Champion cow or heifer: T. Cook. Group of cattle: T. Cook. Grand champion bull: T. Musgrave. Grand champion cow: T. Cook.

Ayrshire Cattle.—Bull, 2yrs and under 3yrs: C. Lamond, 1; J. J. Barrett, 2. Bull, 1yr and under 2yrs: J. J. Barrett. Cow, any age: C. Lamond, 1 and 2. Cow, 2yrs and under 3yr: C. Lamond, 1; J. J. Barrett, 2. Heifer, 2yrs and under 3yrs: C. Lamond, 1 and 2. Heifer, 1yr and under 2yrs: J. J. Barrett, 1; C. Lamond, 2. Champion bull: C. Lamond. Champion cow: C. Lamond. Group of cattle: C. Lamond. Bull, 3yrs and upwards: D. Hyam and Son, 1; J. A. Brown, 2. Bull, 1yr and under 2yrs: D. Hyam and Son, 1 and 2. Bull calf: J. B. Thompson, 1 and 2. Cow, any age: D. Hyam and Sons, 1; J. B. Thompson, 2. Cow, 2yrs and under 3yrs, not more than six permanent teeth: D. Hyam and Son, 1; J. B. Thompson, 2. Heifer, 2yrs and under 3yrs: J. B. Thompson, 1; D. Hyam and Son, 2. Heifer, 1yr and under 2 yrs: D. Hyam and Son, 1; J. B. Thompson, 2. Heifer calf: D. Hyam and Son, 1; A. Kirby, 2. Pen of three cows or heifers: D. Hyam and Son, 1; J. B. Thompson, 2. Pen of three heifers, under 2 yrs: J. B. Thompson, 1; D. Hyam and Son, 2. Group of cattle: D. Hyam and Son. Champion bull: D. Hyam and Son. Champion cow or heifer: D. Hyam and Son.

Poultry.—Plymouth Rocks—Cock and hen: E. W. Moulds, 1 and 2. Orpington cock: J. H. Hemsworth, 1; C. E. Pitt, 2. Hen: J. H. Hemsworth. Orpington cockerel: A. C. Battey, 1; C. E. Pitt, 2. Pullet: C. E. Pitt, 1; A. C. Battey, 2. Orpington buff hen: Bonaventure Poultry Farm, 1; Mrs. Horne, 2. Cockerel: Bonaventure. Orpington hen or pullet: J. Maude, 1. Wyandotte silver cock: Bonaventure, 1; J. H. Hemsworth, 2. Hen: J. H. Hemsworth. Cockerel: V. R. Wynne, 1; J. H. Hemsworth, 2. Pullet: V. R. Wynne, 1; Bonaventure, 2. Wyandotte gold cock: Bonaventure, 1; J. Maude, 2. Hen: Bonaventure, 1 and 2. Cockerell: Bonaventure. Pullet: Bonaventure. Wyandotte white cock: H. H. Fryer, 1; W. C. Richardson, 2. Hen: W. C. Gilmore, 1; W. C. Richardson, 2. Cockerel: Bonaventure, 1; W. C. Richardson, 2. Wyandotte, partridge or any other colour, cock: Bonaventure, 1; J. H. Hemsworth, 2. Hen: J. H. Hemsworth, 1; Bonaventure, 2. Langshan, cock: Bonaventure. Hen: Bonaventure, 1; S. J. Hockings, 2. Australian game, any colour, cock and hen: Bonaventure, 1 and 2. British game, any colour, cock and hen: Bonaventure, 1 and 2. Indian game, cock: Bonaventure, 1; G. Duncan, 2. Hen: Bonaventure, 1; G. Duncan, 2. Andalusian, cock and hen: Bonaventure. Minorca, cock and hen: Bonaventure. Leghorn, brown, single, cock: Bonaventure, 1; Cockley, 2. Hen: A. Sloan, 1; C. M'Glinchey, 2. Leghorn, rose comb, cock: H. H. Fryer, 1; D. Anderson, 2. Hen: H. H. Fryer, 1. Leghorn, white, single comb, cockerel: V. R. Wynne, 1; T. Nelson, 2. Pullet: R. Wark, 1; Bonaventure, 2. Leghorn, buff or black, cock and hen: H. Devine. Hamburg, silver or golden spangled, cock and hen: Bonaventure, 1 and 2. Hamburg, black, cock and hen: Bonaventure. Bantam, game, cock: W. Maude, 1; Bonaventure, 2. Hen: H. T. Adams, 1; J. Maude, 2. Bantam, other, game, cock: D. Emery, 1; G. Waterfield, 2. Hen: A. Price, 1; D. Makin, 2. Any other variety, cock and hen: Bonaventure. Ducks—Rouen, duck and drake: Bonaventure. Indian Runner, duck and drake: G. E. O. Craft, 1; H. Taylor, 2. Muscovy, duck and drake: W. Buchanan, 1; J. Porter, 2. Pekin, duck and drake: Bonaventure, 1; G. E. O. Craft, 2. Orpington, duck and drake: H. Ahearn, 1; G. E. O. Craft, 2. Aylesbury, duck and drake: G. E. O. Craft, 1. Gander, any variety: Bonaventure, 1; J. Couch, 2. Goose: Bonaventure, 1; J. Porter, 2. Turkeys—Turkey, cock and hen: J. Porter. Export Classes—Purebred pullet: Mrs. Horne, 1; H. H. Fryer, 2. Crossbred pullet: R. B. Burgess. Purebred duck or drake: G. E. O. Craft, 1; J. Ahearn, 2. District Class—Brown Leghorn, cock and hen: C. M'Glinchey. White Leghorn, cock and hen: C. M'Glinchey. Orpington, black, cock: D. Emery, 1; C. M'Glinchey, 2. Hen: C. M'Glinchey, 1; D. Emery, 2. Minorca, cock and hen: R. Osborne, 1 and 2. Hamburg: D. Emery, 1; H. H. Fryer, 2. Hen: H. H. Fryer, 1; D. Emery, 2. Wyandotte cock: W. C. Gilmore, 1; C. M'Glinchey, 2. Hen: W. C. Gilmore, 1; H. H. Fryer, 2. Australian game, any colour.—Cock: J. Makin, 1; E. W. Turner, 2. Hen: D. Makin, 1; J. Makin, 2. Black, red game, bantams: J. Townsend, 1; R. Osborne, 2. Bantam, other than game: G. Waterfield, 1; D. Emery, 2. Champion male bird in districts, class: R. Osborne. Best duck or drake exhibited by local fancier: Mrs. Horne.

Farm Produce.—Cape barley: W. A. Dennis, 1; Collection of maize: G. Dare. Maize: G. Dare. Rye grass, seed: W. A. Dennis. Prairie grass seed: G. Dare. Collection of grasses: W. A. Dennis. Paspalum grass: W. Buchanan. Planters' Friend seed: J. Barrett. Oaten hay: G. Dare. Lucerne hay: Mrs. R. Wilson. Planters' Friend: R. A. Gibson. Amber cane: L. Carr. Green corn: R. C. Johnson. Green fodder for dairy cattle: R. A. Gibson.

Dairy Produce.—Exhibit of butter, open to private dairies only: J. Porter. Separated butter: Nowra Co-operative Dairy Co. Table butter, from private dairies: J. Porter. Exhibit of butter, suitable for export, packed in 56lb boxes (champion): Nowra Co-operative Dairy Co.

Ham: Waitiki Bacon Factory, 1 and 2. Bacon, two sides: Waitiki Bacon Factory, 1 and 2.

In fruit, the prizewinners were:—A. E. Bron, Mrs. Ziems, E. Corsen, J. Glass, E. Gibson, R. A. Gibbon, Mrs. Alexander, Miss E. Werton, T. Ford, Mrs. R. G. Walker.

In vegetables, the prizewinners were:—W. Buchanan, T. Ford, E. Woods, G. Dare, R. C. Johnson, R. A. Gibson, W. A. Dennis, Miss Coombs, J. Barrett, J. A. Brown.

Swine.—Berkshire boar: A. Taylor. Sow, any cross or breed: W. Rann.

In dogs, the prizewinners were:—J. A. Beatson, O. Ramsay, B. Osborne, T. Abberton, E. J. Williamson, E. A. Lindsay, D. Meehan, P. J. Walsh, D. Emery, W. C. Gilmore, Mrs. R. Wilson, J. Marceau, R. G. Bennett, W. H. Broadhead, R. B. Burgess, J. R. Coupland, A. H. Sloan, L. Porter.

Vehicles.—Double-seated and single-seated buggies: W. Dwyer. Bent-shaft sulky: W. Dwyer, 1 and 2. Straight-shaft sulky: W. Dwyer, 1 and 2. Village cart: D. Dwyer.

Jams.—The prizewinners in the open classes were:—Miss Nellie Palmer, Miss C. Coombs, Mrs. T. Ford, Mrs. R. G. Walker, Mrs. Waldron, Miss Elveston, W. A. Dennis. Under 17 years: Miss M. Griffith, C. Murray, Miss E. M'Grath, Miss L. Clark.

Miscellaneous.—Model: R. V. Moore. Cabinet work: B. Oswald. Model of farm gate: R. V. Moore. Cabbage-tree hat making and relief carving: Norman Cupit. Netting of different kinds: Edwin Cupit.

DAIRYING.

LISMORE.—At a meeting held at Dunoon and Channon yesterday regarding the establishing of a butter factory at Dunoon a committee was appointed to obtain information regarding the probable suppliers, etc.

NARRABRI.—Notwithstanding the present none too favourable season the Narrabri Butter Factory continues to work on an encouraging basis. During the month of January there was manufactured £719 6s 11d worth of butter, paying suppliers an average of 10¾d per lb. This output compares favourably with any previous month.

SINGLETON.—The eighth annual meeting of shareholders of the Singleton Central Co-operative Dairy Company, Limited, was held on Monday. Mr. David Faulkner, chairman of directors, presided. The report announced that a successful year had been experienced, despite the unfavourable season, the output and turnover having far exceeded any previous year. The output was 447 tons; turnover, £44,268. The overrun was practically nil, being only 84lb butter. The average price for all grades was 10.6d per lb. 391 boxes of butter were exported on the factory's account last season, returning a profit of £23 13s net. The present number of suppliers was 292. The net gain for the year was £659. It was recommended that out of the profits shareholders receive a dividend of 8 per cent. on fully paid up shares; shareholder suppliers 1 per cent. bonus, and non-shareholder suppliers ½ per cent. bonus on grass receipts for the year, absorbing £479, the balance to be carried forward to next year.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

BLAYNEY.—Preparations for the Blayney show next month are well advanced. There is a liberal prize list.

GERMANTON.—A special meeting of members of the Germanton Pastoral and Agricultural Society was held in the School of Arts. The election of officers resulted:—President, Mr. Murdock M'Donald; vice-presidents, Messrs. John M'Laurin, Dr. Cameron, and Arthur Hulme; committee, Messrs. John Heriot, John Bowler, Robert M'Laurin, James Ross, Robert Ross, Fred. Nolan, John Hulme, John Bruce, James Bruce, Arthur Bunyan, Alfred Bunyan, Heber Walsh, David Roach, William Jobson, James Bent, Charles Broadribb, Alex. Macvean, Joseph Lawson, Thomas Lamb, and Frank Gifford.

MOLONG.—Several farmers, through Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, the member for the district, applied to the Department of Agriculture for seed wheat, principally "Federation," for experiment purposes, and a reply has been received stating that the price of the grain is 6s a bushel (on rail), which price many farmers think is altogether excessive.

PEAK HILL.—H. Penberthy, a farmer at M'Phail, lost five draught horses through the animals getting at wheat. Seven horses were affected, but two recovered.

Photographic Competition.—This week's issue of the "Sydney Mail" contains the announcement of a Photographic Competition for the Commonwealth. The prize-list is a very generous one, and the conditions are such that a good response may be regarded as assured. This is the season to get pictures typical of Australian life and scenery, and it is the first time such encouragement has been given followers of this delightful art and pastime.—Advt.

EGG-LAYING COMPETITION.

BEROWRA.

The hens at the Berowra egg-laying competition continue to do good work. For the six days ending last evening a total of 1004 was laid. This brings the average up to 968.34 per pen, or 160 eggs for each hen. Quite a number of the pens have changed positions in the six days. Appended are the results:—

	Six days.	Total.
A. H. Padman, W. Leghorns	22	1307
A. D. Craig, W. Leghorns	19	1160
S. P. Dart, W. Leghorns	28	1133
Robert Farrar, W. Leghorns	20	1131
Mrs. Mackie, W. Leghorns	25	1123
G. Wright, Blk. Orpingtons	14	1112
W. F. Doyle, W. Leghorns	22	1096
W. Haydon, W. Leghorns	26	1092
Fletcher and Hoskyns, W. Leghorns	8	1085
Gough and Powell, W. Leghorns	18	1085
E. R. Reynolds, Blk. Orpingtons	26	1084
Kent Poultry Farm, W. Leghorns	18	1073
Bright and Thompson, W. Leghorns	17	1071
H. A. Jones, Blk. Orpingtons	20	1070
Munro Bros., W. Leghorns	16	1050
Mrs. Wilkins, W. Leghorns	18	1038
Sam Ellis, W. Leghorns	11	1040
G. W. Pitman, Blk. Orpingtons	20	1025
William White, Blk. Orpingtons	14	1020
Frank Moore, W. Leghorns	19	1009
Arthur Creaser, Blk. Orpingtons	17	1007
J. Gamble, Blk. Orpingtons	6	1004
D. A. Sturrock, Blk. Orpingtons	20	996
J. C. Hutchinson, Blk. Orpingtons	11	990
A. R. Kennedy, Blk. Orpingtons	22	990
J. A. Salter, W. Leghorns	21	986
Wonga Poultry Farm, Blk. Orpingtons	23	985
A. B. Skinner, Blk. Orpingtons	16	977
A. F. Emmott, W. Leghorns	26	974
N. B. Ralston, S. Wyandottes	15	968
J. S. Oag, W. Leghorns	15	967
John Craig, Blk. Orpingtons	16	963
Albert Warnes, W. Leghorns	14	956
Leslie H. Coates, Blk. Orpingtons	11	954
C. J. Green, Buff Orpingtons	15	954
Cowan Bros., W. Leghorns	17	947
L. K. Pettit, W. Leghorns	19	947
George Glass, Blk. Orpingtons	16	938
J. Sweeney, W. Wyandottes	9	928
W. O. Gerard, W. Leghorns	13	918
S. E. Bailey, W. Leghorns	17	911
Mrs. J. B. M'Mahon, Buff Leghorns	29	911
Mrs. Hindes, Blk. Orpingtons	24	902
F. Schrader, Blk. Orpingtons	10	891
C. M. Doyle, S. Wyandottes	20	879
J. Sweeney, S. Wyandottes	21	868
W. F. Hunt, W. Leghorns	14	860
B. Poole, S. Wyandottes	14	845
Arthur Veldon, Blk. Orpingtons	8	844
D. Wheeler, W. Leghorns	13	841
R. W. Stone, S. Wyandottes	15	818
Jones and Rean, Buff Orpingtons	13	817
Fred. S. Stone, S. Wyandottes	29	813
A. J. Wood, Minorcas	15	812
F. Greenwell, Pile Leghorns	19	809
T. T. Casey, W. Wyandottes	18	790
G. Rowell, Partridge Wyandottes	11	783
R. Langford, W. Leghorns	13	761
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THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

Sir James Fairfax presided at a meeting of the Boys' Brigade committee on Wednesday last. The superintendent's report stated that the nightly attendance at the premises in Surry Hills continued satisfactory despite the warm weather. This result was due in no small degree to the enthusiasm and regular visits of a number of lady workers. The classes in woodturning and fretwork were in a flourishing condition, as many as 80 lads being engaged in the latter hobby every week. The brass band was in an efficient state, while Mr. W. H. Waldon's Temperance Dramatic Company was doing good work. Several lads had been placed in situations, and generally speaking the brigade's work among city lads was making gratifying progress. Sir James Fairfax had entertained the members at tea in appreciation of their loyal support to the superintendent and workers during the past year, and Mr. J. C. Williamson had generously admitted all the members to the pantomime at the Theatre Royal. Reference was made by Sir James Fairfax to the lamented death of Mrs. Robjohns, who for many years laboured unselfishly among the boys of the institution. The value of the deceased lady's work could never, he said, be conceived except by those who knew from personal experience how many wayward lads her helping hand and kindly advice had rescued. A fitting tribute to the late worker's memory was found in the presence at the graveside of two young men who as lads were members of Mrs. Robjohn's class at the Boys' Brigade.

MILITARY.

EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers passed the examination held during the week ended Saturday, 21st December:—Capt. F. R. Wedd, 3rd A.L.H.; Capt. C. T. Griffiths, 5th A.L.H.; Second-Lieut. T. H. Kelly, Australian Field Artillery (special mention, distinguished in Regimental duties and Field Engineering); Capt. L. R. Tilney, 1st A.I. Reg.; Capt. H. H. Maclaurin, N.S.W. Scottish Rifles.

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BIRTHS.

M'DONALD.—January 29, at Hill Station, Queanbeyan, the wife of A. J. M'Donald—of a son.

MARRIAGES.

CONNELLY—MULDOON.—December 28, 1907, at St. Patrick's Church, Sydney, by the Rev. Father Piquet, S.M., George, youngest son of M. Connelly, Leichhardt to Florence Christine (Flo), only daughter of Thos. Muldoon, Goodhope, Condobolin.

SILVER WEDDING.

CHANT—McKENZIE.—February 7, 1883, at Sydney, by the Rev. Dr. James Fullerton, LL.D., Richard George, second son of Joseph Chant, to Matilda Martha, third daughter of the late James McKenzie, both of Sydney. Present address, 100 Forbes-street, Sydney.

DEATHS.

BAKER.—February 6, at Dunoon, Wardell-road, Dulwich Hill, Fred Lyndsay, the dearly loved son of Fred and Christina Baker, aged 6 years. Interment at Waverley Cemetery, this afternoon, leaving Dunoon, at 2 p.m.

BIRCH.—January 1, 1908, S. B. Birch, M.D., M.R.C.P. (London), M.R.C.S. (England), of Harley-street, Cavendish-square, London W., father of Surgeon-Colonel Henry Birch, and Dr. C. O. Birch, of Liverpool, N.S.W., aged 82 years.

BIRD.—February 6, at his residence, Balgownie, William Bird, aged 49 years.

BROWN.—At the residence of her son, Mr. W. T. Brown (jeweller), 8 Beattie-street, Balmain, Isabella, relict of the late Thomas Brown (engraver and die sinker, of this city), in her 78th year.

DIXON.—February 6, 1908, at 59 Burton-street, Darlinghurst, Margaret Hunter Dixon, in her 97th year.

DOOREY.—January 5, at Marshall-street, Kogarah, Teddie, loved eldest son of Harley Howard and Maude Doorey.

HARDY.—February 6, 1908, at her parents' residence, Fairfowl-street, Dulwich Hill, Eva Gladys, the dearly loved daughter of John Hardy, J.P., after a long and painful illness, aged 2 years and 3 months.

HODGENS.—February 6, 1908, at Ashfield, Kathleen, Florence, the dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hodgens, of the Western House, Liverpool-road, Ashfield, aged 15 years and 10 months.

M'EVOY.—January 31, 1908, at her residence, Vandeville, The Oaks, Mary, beloved wife of James M'Evoy, aged 64 years.

TAYLOR-BLENKIRON.—February 6, at his residence, 4 Doncaster-avenue, Kensington, Ralph William Taylor-Blenkiron, formerly of Constable Burton Hall, England, and late inspector of N.S.W. Southern Railways, aged 75 years. Home papers please copy.

WILCE.—February 6, 1908, at his father's residence, Trequite, Croydon-avenue, Croydon, John Gibson Small Wilce, aged 27 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BROWN.—In affectionate memory of our darling little Jessie, who died at Randwick, February 7th, 1902, aged 1 year 10 months. "Our lad in heaven." Inserted by her loving parents, Alfred and Lizzie Brown.

CALLAGHAN.—In sad but loving memory of my beloved daughter and our dear sister, Catherine (Kate), who departed this life February 7, 1907, eldest daughter of the late Lawrence Callaghan, of Molong, and Mrs. Harbridge, Sydney. Inserted by her loving mother, brothers, and sisters. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on her soul.

CAMPBELL.—In loving memory of our darling little Henry Armitage (Harry), who died February 7, 1906.

None knew how hard the parting,
None knew the pain it cost;
But God and His loved angels
Have gained what we have lost.

Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers.

DAVIDSON.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our affectionate father, William Davidson, who was killed at the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Pyrmont, February 7, 1901. Inserted by his loving wife, Elizabeth Davidson, and children, Minnie, Annie, Robert, William, Lizzie.

DIXON.—In fond and loving memory of my son, who died in the Coast Hospital, February 7, 1904, aged 28.

I love you just the same to-day
As in the hour you passed away.

Inserted by his loving father, G. Dixon.

ELLIOTT.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son, Cecil Graham Elliott, who died whilst on active service, Military Hospital Lichtenburg, S. Africa, February 7, 1902, aged 19 years.

What we know not now, we shall know hereafter,
When the day dawns, and the shadows flee away.

KING.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear mother, Emma King, who died at King-street, Newtown, February 7, 1896, aged 62 years. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving daughter, Ada May Haggerty.

M'CANN.—Sacred to the memory of our dear father, James M'Cann, late of Mittagong, who departed this life February 7th, 1901, aged 67 years.

Dear father, how we have missed you, since you left us to tread this vale alone;
We have proved the grace of God sufficient to help us to meet you where partings will never be known.

Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Lizzie.

MORTON.—In sad but loving memory of our little darling, Florence Olive (Florrie), who departed this life February 7th, 1907, aged 4 years 8 months. Inserted by her loving parents and grandma, Mrs. E. Waites.

ROBERTS.—In fond and loving memory of our dear father, John Roberts, who departed this life February 7, 1893. Not forgotten. Inserted by his loving sons, Edward, Walter, William, Charles, and Arthur Roberts.

ROSS.—In sad and loving memory of our darling daughter, Alice, who died February 7, 1906, aged 9 years and 4 months.

When least expected, death doth come,
No hand can stay its power;
The fair, the healthy, and the strong,
All perish like a flower.

Inserted by her loving parents, John and Alice Ross.

ROSS.—In fond remembrance of my granddaughter, Alice Louisa, who departed this life February 7, 1906. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by her grandma, Ross.

STONE.—In loving memory of our dear eldest son and brother, Joseph, who was accidentally drowned at West Maitland on February 7th, 1901, aged 16 years. Inserted by his mother and brother and sisters. West Maitland papers please copy.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. LOUIS PICOT and FAMILY, 135 Cumberland-street, city, desire to return their sincere THANKS to their many kind friends for their floral tributes, telegrams, letters, and cards received by them during their recent sad bereavement.

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There is a portrait of Dr. Gilbert T. Brown, the new Professor of Chemistry at the University of Sydney. The Bathurst Race Pictures include portraits of a number of well-known Western Sportsmen. The illustrated story for the week is "Tim Carmody's First Night;" it is by W. J. Batchelder.

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"Milroy's" Notes in the Turf Columns are unusually varied, touching on current topics from the V.R.C. weights to aggressive pony track tactics. There is also much interesting sporting matter relating to England, India, France, and Mauritius, and local anticipations. The Australian Short Story Page is up to the usual high standard. Mr. George Collingridge contributes an illustrated article on "The Calendar," which will interest all of a studious frame of mind. There are some sparkling paragraphs and verses in the issue. "Shortslip" deals with the coming test match, and with the records in the late interstate match. "Thormanby," the English sporting writer, has an entertaining article on "Sportsmen of the Bench and Bar." On the Library Page are reviews of several new books.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1908.

THE EXPENSE OF LITIGATION.

The history of the case of Jones versus Holmes, noted in yesterday's cablegrams, is sufficiently representative to be of importance not only to the litigants and their advisers, but to all who are interested in the administration of justice; that is to say, to every citizen. The case originally came on to be heard in 1906 before the Chief Justice and a jury, who gave a verdict with damages for the plaintiffs after certain evidence tendered by the defendants had been rejected as inadmissible. The defendants then took what under our unreformed system is a necessary step in an application for a new trial, and were again defeated. The Chief Justice adhered to his original ruling, and was supported by two other Judges of the Full Court. It was held that on the main ground the position was so clear that the plaintiffs need not be called upon to defend their verdict. Thereupon there was another appeal. The unsuccessful parties went to the High Court, and, like the great majority of appellants, were successful. Not only was the decision of the State Judges reversed, but a verdict was entered for the defendants, and the plaintiffs lost both their damages and their costs. As was natural, the case did not come to an end there. The law is that if the party defeated in the High Court is the respondent he may go in most cases to the Privy Council, and apply for leave to have his dispute argued before the Imperial Court of Appeal. This the plaintiffs have done, and according to our cable published yesterday their application has been successful. Leave to appeal must have been granted because in the opinion of the Judicial Committee there was a danger of some precedent being established not in accordance with the principles of British commercial law, or because it seemed to them probable that justice was not being done. It is not, however, the facts or the law of this particular case that are of most public interest.

Jones v. Holmes is of importance because it gives an example of the delay and the enormous expense that stand between litigants and the attainment of their rights. It was thought that the establishment of the High Court would secure to Australians at least two of the elements necessary in the successful administration of justice, cheapness and speed. In a certain class of cases the decision of the High Court is, we know in fact, final, for no counsel is ever likely to be ingenious enough to induce the Judges to grant leave to appeal from themselves. But in the generality of cases the compromise arrived at with the approval of the commercial classes and the greater number of the Judges has added to, instead of decreasing, the expense of litigation. In Victoria the number of Courts of Appeal is no greater than before, because under the judicature system the Full Court of the State may be passed over. But in New South Wales there are now three Courts instead of two, and litigants may still go to the Privy Council, the most expensive passage to finality open to British subjects. The evil effect of this state of things is obvious. It places the poor litigant at the mercy of the rich one, and prevents many from asserting their rights at all. And the remedy is no less obvious, though it is not likely to be adopted. The number of Appeal Courts might be cut down without in any way impairing our system of declaring the law certainly and finally by means of judicial decisions. For another grievance felt by all classes of the community, as well as by both branches of the legal profession, the remedy is by no means so clear. We have from time to time published statistics, showing the wide differences of opinion which have arisen in a surprising number of cases between the High Court and the Courts of the several States. There are, of course, two sides to every question, else why does each new Judge declare that he would be lost if the members of the Bar were not competent to put every argument before him? Judges may differ after they take their seats on the Bench as well as before. But the number of the decisions reversed by the High Court throughout Australia has exceeded all reasonable expectation. An appeal has in consequence become the rule rather than the exception, and the expense of a law suit a certainty rather than a risk. Litigation has declined not because there are no disputes but because citizens of moderate means are afraid to contest them. It is possible that there will be greater unanimity among the Judges when the High Court has applied the principles of the law to Australian conditions in a greater number of cases, and that the Commercial Court will be used more freely when its advantages are better understood. Meanwhile it is hoped that the State Government will do its best for the efficiency of the Courts by ceasing to appoint Acting Judges. No doubt such appointments are necessary when a Judge is acting as the head of a Royal Commission, and they give to the Attorney-General's estimates the appearance of economy. But they do not add to the independence or the experience of the Bench, and they reduce the confidence of the public who see the same man acting as Judge in one month, and as advocate in another. The Acting Judge may fill a gap, but he does not strengthen the system of law administration.

QUEENSLAND'S QUANDARY.

In politics it is the unexpected which most often happens, and in some respects it is the unexpected which has happened in Queensland. Throughout the campaign the hope was strong that the electors in their wisdom would return one at least of the three parties with a clear working majority. The election results, however, have completely falsified that hope. As returned from the polls the three parties are as much a fact as ever. The only change wrought is in their relative numerical strength. In the late House Mr. Philp mustered a following of 30, Mr. Kidston 25, and Mr. Bowman 17. The poll is not yet complete, but if we take the latest results to hand last night—and it is unlikely that they will undergo much alteration—we find that Mr. Philp emerges from the campaign with his direct following reduced, while the Socialists have increased their number, and Mr. Kidston counts neither gain nor loss. That the Socialists should have gained so substantially is not so surprising as that their gain should have been entirely at the expense of Mr. Philp. Not even the least sanguine of the Premier's friends could have anticipated that he would fare so badly. There is significance in the fact that he won seats from Mr. Kidston in the southern farming districts, but these gains were more than set off by his losses in the centre and the north, where instead of reverses he had confidently reckoned on many victories. It would perhaps be ungenerous to ascribe the Labour party's gains entirely to its immensely superior organisation, but in a State where the electors are only sprinkled over such huge electorates as exist in Queensland, organisation and party discipline are everything, and it is precisely in these respects that the Labour party has such an enormous advantage over all opponents.

The question of present interest, however, is not how the respective parties came electorally to be as they are; but what is now going to be done in a set of political circumstances which admits of none of the parties governing on its own responsibility. For any one party to hold office while a third party retained possession of the cross-benches would only be to perpetuate the undemocratic system of government by minority, and, however well this might suit the convenience of place-hunters, it will not give Queensland settled politics, and without settled politics it is vain to expect that the "Colossus of the North" will ever take any decided stride forward in the realisation of its prodigious possibilities. Patriotic regard for the country's welfare dictates the wisdom of putting aside minor considerations which may stand in the way of fusion of the two parties which have most in common, so as to secure strong government in conformity with the majority sentiment of the country. Mr. Kidston's following is made up partly of the old advanced Liberal corner, and of the moderate Labour men, like Mr. Kidston himself, who because they were not prepared to subscribe to the gospel of "Socialism in our time" had to break from the extremists led by Mr. Bowman. While as Premier on the sufferance of the Labour party, Mr Kidston may have been willing to strain his platform to meet party exigencies, as in the recent instance which led to his loss of office, it nevertheless remains true that that platform in relation to the vital principles of land tenure and the extension of the industrial functions of the State differs radically from the platform of the Socialist party. It differs scarcely at all in essentials from the platform of the Liberals upon which Mr. Philp fought the election. The direction in which negotiations for coalition, or better still, fusion, should proceed are therefore plain enough. The chief obstacle in the way seems to be the leaders themselves. Neither seems over anxious to efface himself, and possibly but for this difficulty of deciding who should be first a coalition would have been effected at the commencement of the last Parliament. Before his retirement from the Premiership Mr. Kidston was credited with having been much impressed with the idea that he could serve his country even better as Agent-General in London. He may still be of that opinion, in which case Mr. Philp will very likely find himself in agreement with him.

THE CHANCE FOR NEWCASTLE.

Our news from Newcastle this morning is that the position is still a serious one. The Special Mining Court stands adjourned until Monday next, and a breathing space is thus afforded the parties in which the opportunity, which sooner or later comes to all men, comes to the Miners' Federation. The miners themselves must be the best judges of how grave the situation is. Their intervention had hardly succeeded in smoothing over the Dudley trouble, which had driven Judge Heydon to talk of throwing up his task, when dislocation was reported at the Burwood colliery, and the Court had again to adjourn. This surely was pushing human endurance to its limits. We are not fixing the responsibility for this particular episode. Its origin seems trivial enough. What we are concerned with, and what everyone whom the coal trade touches must be concerned with, is its woful inappropriateness. It seemed timed just to give the weight of hopelessness to the announcement Judge Heydon had made the day before. We are astonished at the moderation of the Court in the face of this new difficulty. Of course in a situation of extreme gravity the most impulsive of us learn caution and self-control. But we think that the Court has put the miners under a real debt of obligation by quietly standing aside to give the Federation a chance to work. It is the duty of the Court to do all that it can to promote peace; but we should be none the less thankful that it discharges that duty so well. In so doing it has had, we are glad to see, the whole-hearted support of the Colliery Proprietors' Association. The forbearance of this side in terribly trying circumstances has been beyond praise; and we do not doubt that a large majority of the men themselves will recognise this. We do not deny either that face to face with crisis the Miners' Federation has shown the right spirit.

The majority of those in the Federation, it is clear, are willing at any rate to allow the Court its opportunity. It has been invited to enter upon an arduous and thankless task, and common justice demands that it should be given the chance to bring that task to completion. Whether it does so or not depends wholly on the authority the Federation is able to exercise. When the pinch comes it is plain that it can intervene with effect as it intervened in the Dudley matter. And how worthless such an organisation as this would be, and how little self-respect it could have if it was a mere puppet in the hands of its most unruly, and in a labour-organisation sense the most lawless, of its units. It may very likely be, as Judge Heydon suggested, that it has not realised the duty that lies with it of educating its members to a due sense of its responsibility and strength. It is no doubt true that boys especially are difficult to control. But it would be a sorry confession of defeat if the men of the coal industry had to allow their organisation to be wrecked by boys—and boys, even the most unruly, become obedient to discipline once it is firmly enforced. If the Federation is determined that these chronic irritations shall stop—then stop they will. We cannot say anything new, or anything truer than has been said at this point. But we can and do urge the Federation, with all the weight and earnestness we possess, to use this breathing space aright; to come into the position before Monday next of being able to assure the Court that henceforth its labours shall not be interrupted.

MUNICIPAL DISPENSARIES.

The City Council will be making a reputation for itself. Perhaps that is a consideration which comes not altogether unwelcome to some of its members; but it is a trifle galling to our national pride, although power is undoubtedly given under the law to open municipal dispensaries. The question, of course, is whether the time has come to make experiments. We want to see other and essential matters dealt with on business lines by our aldermen, instead of being obliged to hang to their coat tails as they try what municipal ballooning is like. The Sydney City Council has shown itself so apt in the management of the sweeping of streets and the building of markets that it must now turn its hand—of all things in the world—to the dispensing of drugs. Presumably it invites the American fleet to see the proud result. Politicians, municipal or otherwise, are not those to whom we would for preference go to manage our commercial affairs for us. But sometimes, and in certain industries, we have to choose between two evils. It is bad enough to have such a service as our Post Office managed by politicians; but to have it run to suit their private views by express companies on the American pattern is infinitely worse. This is because it is one of that class of monopolies on the intimate management of whose every detail the comfort of each man, woman, and child in the State depends. There are other similar industries—the supply of gas and water, and land carriage—which for the same reasons, at certain times and places, it has been found expedient to hand over to the community. In each case they are close monopolies, quite indispensable to every day of life. There is no competitor to keep the gas bright or the water flowing. Even at the cost of the "Government stroke" we have to do certain things for ourselves. But the running of chemists' shops has nothing whatever to do with that class of monopolies.

The proposal is to establish, not a service which we must always have under the public eye, but an expensive charitable institution, which is to invite people who now are helping themselves with some effect, to come and be dosed at the public expense. It is conceivable that at some future time the way may be opened. But the Sydney Town Hall at present has too much to do in other directions to be dabbling in drugs. What the friendly societies are doing may be guessed from the statement of the secretary of the Sydney United Friendly Societies' Dispensary, reported in our columns yesterday. The dispensary had in the past year 11,141 members and dispensed for more than nine times as many patients. It is conducted on purely business lines, and if a profit is made, it is returned as a bonus to the lodges. Last year the bonus was £600. That is co-operation, men freely combining for their own profit to do their own work. It is the antithesis of socialism, which is the control of production by the people for the people—in theory; and, in practice, the compelling of willing men by law to support lazy men. Co-operation leads to thrift; and municipal dispensaries may lead to pauperism, as surely as ever an English poor-law did. There is no line whatever to be drawn between outdoor relief and these dispensaries in this regard under existing Town Hall conditions. Municipal doctors, municipal lawyers, municipal milk carts and grocery stores are in precisely the same category. Does the council really expect that the country will entrust to its known genius the establishment and direction of such prizes for pauperism? When the council has proved that it can drive a dust cart we shall be more ready to believe it.

A MILLION ACRES.

It seems that not less than a million acres of fine land have been cut up, and are practically available in various parts of the State at the present moment through private enterprise. The Government is proposing to do much, but owners of large estates are showing themselves quite ready to do more. Their interest lies that way. The demand for farms has so increased that it pays better to subdivide and sell than to hold, and legitimate sales give direct encouragement to other holders to follow the lead. What needs to be said, however, is that the Government must always be severely handicapped in trying to force land upon the market by repurchasing it in large blocks. No doubt there is reason in taking the power, and in exercising it with discretion, but almost invariably the State has to pay more than it should because its action tends to inflate values. Queensland has found a very expensive object-lesson in the recent acquisition of the great Jimbour Estate on the Darling Downs. The Kidston Government took possession, expecting to be able to enforce its valuation of something over two pounds per acre. When the Queensland National Bank took the matter to Court, however, it was difficult if not impossible to get reputable witnesses with a direct interest in local property to say that the demand of £3 10s per acre was unreasonable. They were concerned, of course, to assert the higher value because they honestly believed their own farms to be worth it. A possible vendor thinks he is entitled to more than the facts frequently warrant, and the Court could only return a verdict in the bank's favour. As a consequence the Queensland Government finds itself saddled with land which has cost more nearly five pounds per acre than two, if the expenses of litigation be added, and the purchasers now and later on must carry a corresponding burden. What will happen, probably, will be a reduction of prices below cost, and the State itself will have to accept the burden. As the accommodating parent to whom everybody turns at the least excuse this happens often enough under conditions of fair bargain and sale; but an experience like Jimbour puts the case in a different light. The warning is sufficiently distinct, and New South Wales will do well to take heed.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

The Premiers' Conference.—As a result of a conversation he had with the Victorian Premier during Mr. Bent's recent visit to Sydney, Mr. Wade, the Premier, has written to the Premiers of the other States, inviting them to express an opinion on a proposal to hold a conference of Premiers in Melbourne commencing on April 6. No replies have been received yet, and some time must elapse before the views of the Western Australian Government can be ascertained. There are a number of matters of general interest for discussion, and it is anticipated that the conference will take place as proposed.

The Capital Site.—Mr. Wade has made another practical move in the Federal capital site controversy. This time his action has been confined to the preparation of a number of splendid panoramic views of the Canberra area, which the Premier advocates in preference to Dalgety. The camera has been used with good effect, and the result is a collection of landscapes which speak in silent eloquence of the magnificent stretch of country about Canberra, suitable for building. The views were prepared by the Government Printing Office, and Mr. Wade intends to have them hung at the Intelligence Department's offices, in order that the public may have a chance of forming an opinion of the site New South Wales puts forward in preference to Dalgety, as the future home of the Commonwealth. Referring yesterday to some illustrations published in a weekly paper, with the object of comparing the magnitude of the Snowy River, the "water frontage" of Dalgety, with the insignificance of the Cotter River, which is the source of the water supply for the Canberra site, Mr. Wade said the obvious suggestion was that the water supply for the capital, if Dalgety was chosen, is to come from the Snowy River. "There is no doubt that the Snowy River is a fine body of water," the Premier added, "but it has settlement along its banks for many miles above Dalgety. The commissioner distinctly eliminated the Snowy River as a source of water supply, and recommended that the supply be drawn from the Moonbah, which, like the Cotter, is free from the danger of contamination from settlement. In other respects it resembles the Cotter, and whatever may be the demerits of the Cotter, this, at all events is clear—that the gaugings taken in the beginning of January, when the river was abnormally low, showed the daily flow to be equal to the present consumption of water in the Sydney metropolitan area."

Public Expenditure at Newcastle.—The Premier felt called upon yesterday, when replying to a deputation representing the Northern Colliery Proprietors' Association, to give an assurance that the Government had done, and was doing, its duty by Newcastle, and realised that in advancing the interests of Newcastle the interests of the State as a whole were being advanced. Mr. Wade went on to say that within the last seven years £529,000 had been spent by the Government in improvement works at the northern port, and that similar works now in hand involved the expenditure of £20,000. Apart from that the Railway Commissioners had in hand works costing a very large sum of money. New sidings were being constructed at Port Waratah to accommodate over 5000 coal waggons, and within six or eight weeks the Commissioners hoped to have in working order four M'Myler coal hoists, each capable of placing 800 tons of coal per hour in the larger coal-carrying steamers. It was apparent from the tone of the speeches that the colliery proprietors have their doubts as to the merits of the M'Myler hoists, and their parting request to the Premier was that until the efficiency of the new hoists had been demonstrated none of the present cranes should be displaced. On this point Mr. Wade referred the deputation to the Commissioners for Railways.

The Mines Department.—Owing to lack of space, it has not been found possible to transfer the Mines Department to the Chief Secretary's office, and Mr. W. H. Wood is administering both departments, with offices in each. The arrangement is necessarily somewhat inconvenient, especially for the Minister. Mr. Wood has an office in the Lands Department building, and there he spends part of the day attending to mines matters, while the rest of his time is absorbed at the Chief Secretary's Department, where a good deal of work has to be attended to. One of the chief difficulties in making the proposed change was in connection with the charting branch, which requires a large room, specially lighted. There is no apartment in the Chief Secretary's building that would answer the purpose, while the room it occupies at the Lands Department is admirably situated. Room will be made at the Lands Offices for some scattered branches of the Agricultural Department, but the others will have to remain where they are, for the present at least.

More English Domestics.—The Aberdeen liner Marathon, which arrived here yesterday from London, via Capetown and Melbourne, brought another detachment of 25 trained English domestics, whose passages were paid by the Government of New South Wales. All the girls are of a fine, strong, healthy stamp, and Captain Allan says that their conduct throughout the voyage was exemplary. He regards these immigrants as of the type required in Australia. Positions have been found for them by the Intelligence Department. Their ages range from about 18 to 26 years, and with two exceptions all are British born.

Returning Officers' Remuneration.—In spite of the fact that the new Electoral Act adds materially to the duties and responsibilities of returning officers at Parliamentary elections, the rate of remuneration has remained what it was under the old law, when there were 125 electorates, and therefore 125 returning officers to do the work now performed by 90. The taking of the local option poll under the Liquor Act added further burdens, and the Chief Secretary and Minister for Mines, Mr. W. H. Wood, therefore decided that some change should be introduced. After going fully and carefully into the whole question, he has decided to increase the remuneration for city and suburban returning officers from £7 7s to £12; while officers in country electorates will be paid £22 per election, instead of £15 15s as formerly. It is also intended to reappoint the whole of the returning officers under special regulations, which are now in course of preparation.

A Triangular Contest.—As the position in regard to the local option vote now stands, a somewhat novel state of things is presented. At the recent Parliamentary elections a large vote was cast in favour of a reduction of hotels in certain electorates, and local option courts were subsequently constituted for the purpose of carrying out the fiat of the electors. Naturally where licensees are fighting for the continuance of their business all sorts of legal objections have been raised, but those having now been overruled the question is, what hotels in each electorate are to go under? At this stage the licensees themselves came into conflict, because those who have no black marks against them during the past three years have been at some pains to show, through their lawyers, that competing houses have not the same clean record, or labour under some other disabilities. This was somewhat forcibly brought home yesterday to one publican, who asked the Court whether it was necessary for him to remain, seeing that his case was last on the list. "Oh!" replied Judge Backhouse, "anyone of these witnesses may set to work to knock your hotel over;" and one learned gentleman, who represented a large liquor-selling interest, admitted the position when he said: "We must come to that point; we are keeping up our hotels and knocking others down."

The Danysz Microbe.—The interstate conference of health officers arranged to inquire and advise the authorities as to whether the Danysz microbe for the destruction of rabbits could safely be introduced for the purposes of experiments on the mainland, will commence its sittings at the Commonwealth offices, Macquarie-street, on Monday next. Some of the representatives of the other States are already on their way to Sydney.

A Present from Tasmania.—The directors of the Magnet Mine, Tasmania, have presented to the Sydney Mining and Geological Museum a most interesting specimen from that mine. The ore and gangue minerals show a banding parallel to the walls of the lode, with a perfection that has perhaps been seldom equalled. The specimen has specially worked out entire across the lode, and is thus of special interest to mining students.

Light Supplies of Sheep.—Since the late bountiful rains the supplies of sheep to the Homebush yards have materially decreased, and values have considerably improved in stockowners' favour. For a long while past there have been ample supplies, but the quality of a large proportion has not been too good. Too many medium sheep have been in the market, simply because there has been insufficient feed on the pastures, or it has been too dry to put good condition on the stock. Now the prospects are for immediate light supplies and rather better quality. Later on, prime sheep should be plentiful, for the rain has come before the summer has passed, and while there is ample time for a plethora of winter feed. With only 4920 sheep, including lambs, in the market on Monday last, and 25,520 yesterday, the market took a jump, and prime merino wethers are running up to 18s, and crossbred wethers to 20s per head. These are good prices before the sheep carry a full fleece of wool, and are an indication of the scarcity of prime sheep on the one hand and the remunerative rates paid to growers on the other. Meanwhile, consumers are not likely to enjoy very cheap mutton.

Mr. J. P. Wright Resigns.—Owing to continued ill health, Mr. J. P. Wright, the employers' representative on the bench of the Industrial Arbitration Court, has resigned his position. After his recent stroke it was hoped that he would be able to return to work when the Court resumed its sittings, but he has not made the progress towards recovery that was anticipated, and acting under medical advice his resignation was forwarded to the Premier yesterday. Mr. Wade stated yesterday that Mr. Wright's retirement terminated Mr. Spencer's position as an acting member of the Court, and a fresh election would have to take place. Steps have already been taken to comply with the requirements of the Act respecting vacancies, as Mr. Wade is anxious to make the appointment of Mr. Wright's successor with as little delay as possible. The employers will meet within a few days, and it is expected that Mr. Spencer, who has been acting in Mr. Wright's place, will be nominated as their representative.

Jenolan Caves Management.—Further correspondence has been received respecting the alleged mismanagement at the Caves. A gentleman writes stating that the Government has nothing to do with the coaching, though they should control it, inasmuch as the coaches ought to suit the trains. He complains that often in warm weather rather than tax the horses the coach misses the afternoon inspection, and in the return journey misses the evening train to Sydney, with the result that the traveller has to stay for dinner, bed, and breakfast. In justice to the guides, he says, it should be stated that they are generally cheerful and intelligent. They have to do so laborious work as road repairing since the Intelligence Department took control. The charges have been increased by 100 and 200 per cent., yet the guide's salary of £100 a year remains unaltered, and now "tipping" is prohibited. The management of the Medlow Hydro-Majestic states that it does not run slow coaches to the Caves, but Fiat and Daimler motor cars of the latest model, which, leaving at 9.30, arrive at Jenolan for lunch, and return to the Hydro by 4.30 or 5 p.m. Tourists from all quarters have expressed satisfaction with the motor trip. To take a single bad instance, and from it to say "This is how they do things in Australia," is most unfair. Apparently the most satisfactory solution of the difficulty would be for the Tourist Bureau to run the conveyances itself, so as to suit the convenience of the traveller in all respects.

Dangerous Scaffoldings.—At the Sydney Labour Council last night attention was drawn to the need for inspection of buildings in course of erection. It was alleged that the Scaffolding and Lifts Act was administered in a lax manner. Mr. W. M. Perrin (Amalgamated Carpenters and Joiners) said that the Act was administered in a disgraceful way by those responsible. The inspectors did not always go over the buildings as they should. Another member said that the inspections were very rare. He recalled one case in 14 years in which a contractor was charged with manslaughter, and this was after a bricklayer had been killed through a fall. It was decided that a deputation wait on the Minister for Works, and draw his attention to the necessity for efficient inspection.

Physical Disability a Bar.—"I beg to call your attention, Mr. Chairman, to the fact that I am suffering from rheumatics, and cannot rise as quickly as others can," was a remark made by a delegate at the Political Labour Conference last night. He had been trying to rise several times to speak to motions, but could not catch the president's eye, and when at last he made his avowal he did it as an interruption to the speech of another delegate. The chairman, in reply, expressed a polite sympathy with the physical sufferings of the delegate, but "I cannot," said he, "take that into consideration. When I am calling upon speakers to continue the debate I cannot tell whether a man wishes to speak or not unless he rises." Other speakers sympathised with the affliction, but did not do so to the extent of remaining seated when they wished to take part in the debate.

Wanstead Wants Water.—The little suburb of Wanstead, which is not far from Tempe station, held a picturesque open-air meeting last night. Chairs, forms, and tables were requisitioned from neighbouring houses, and several flaming torches threw a vivid light on the scene. The audience numbered about 200, and included sturdy suburban pioneers, their wives and children, some of the children being in arms. For about five months Wanstead has had to depend for water on supplies from carts, and yet the city and suburban supply is but half a mile away. The chairman, Mr. Varney Parkes, M.L.A., spoke from a pulpit-like rock, and descanted strongly on the treatment of Wanstead by the Water and Sewerage Board. A resolution condemnatory of the board was carried, and it was arranged that a deputation should appeal for redress to the Minister for Works.

Oppressive Conditions.—Close, muggy, and disagreeable weather conditions ruled in the city throughout yesterday, and, although the maximum reading of the thermometer was only 81.2 degrees, the humidity ranged from 68 per cent. in the middle of the afternoon up to no less than 91 per cent. at 8 o'clock last night. Some high temperatures were recorded inland yesterday, including 103 degrees at Wagga and Wilcannia, and 100 at Condobolin, Hillston, and Walgett. There was a steady shower in the city during the early hours of yesterday morning, as a result of which 17 points were measured. Light showers also fell at several other coastal stations, the highest records being 20 points at Byron Bay, in the extreme north, and 27 at Delegate and 16 at Bombala, in the extreme south. Heavy seas were running last night at Tweed Heads, Nambucca, Kiama, and Eden. The stand-off signals were hoisted yesterday at Kiama, and several small coastal vessels are still barbound at the Nambucca and Bellinger.

The Warships.—H.M.S. Cambrian, now in port at Sydney, is under orders to leave to-morrow for Hobart, where several of the warships will assemble during the next few weeks. The flagship H.M.S. Powerful will remain at Sydney until the 18th or 19th inst, when she will leave with his Excellency Vice-Admiral Fawkes for Melbourne. The new Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Poore, Bt., will assume command of the Australian station at Melbourne on the 21st inst, and the future movements of the Powerful will be arranged by him.

Marrick-Marrickville.—Mr. W. A. Waggett, representing the school board which includes Marrick, in Yorkshire, writes to say that he is forwarding a Union Jack for the school at Marrickville, Sydney, in return for the one received. He recollects the late Mr. Thomas Chalder, by whom the name was given to the Sydney suburb, before he left Marrick, between 60 and 70 years ago. Mr. Waggett would have sent a photograph of the house in which Mr. Chalder was born, but there is no photographer in the village.

Vessels Aground.—The auxiliary schooner Willinga, which grounded on the Tuncurry Crossing at Cape Hawke on Wednesday, was successfully refloated at 12.30 p.m. yesterday. It was found necessary to discharge a large portion of the cargo of the little vessel in order to lighten her, and at high water she came off quite easily, but it is not known whether she escaped damage. The steamer Moruya, of the fleet of the Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company, Limited, was still aground yesterday on the south side of the crossing at Crookhaven Heads.

A Birth at Sea.—When the fine Aberdeen liner Marathon, which arrived here yesterday from London, was crossing the equator early last month, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Davies, third-class passengers, booked for Sydney, and the event created quite an unusual amount of interest on board. Just before the steamer reached South Africa the Rev. J. French, who was a saloon passenger from London for Capetown, baptised the new comer and christened him William Allan Marathon Davies—William after his father, Allan in honour of Commander N. Allan, the popular captain of the vessel, and Marathon after the birthplace of the youngster.

A Glass of Wine.—Twenty-one members of the Commercial Travellers' Association have signed a protest against the stoppage of the sale of Australian wine at the Central Railway refreshment rooms on Sundays. It is the custom of "commercials" leaving Sydney on Sunday night to have a glass of wine before departing. All other refreshment rooms, it is pointed out, serve passengers on Sunday, so that Sydney is the only one at which they are confined to tea and lemonade.

Park Views.—A very fine series of photographic views of the parks of the city has just been completed by Mr. Mark Blow, of the Crown Studios, for the City Council. They are intended for the illustration of the "Vade Mecum" issued by the authority of the council, and should greatly add to the attractions of that work. Wynyard Park is shown to great advantage in two or three pictures, taken from different standpoints; the kiosk in Hyde Park is the subject of a number of fine pictures, and the other parks and reserves are likewise admirably treated. The series, as a whole, not only excites favourable comment from an artistic point of view, but must impress an unbiassed person with the fact that the city is not so very much behind in the way of attractive breathing spaces.

"'Ard of 'Earin'."—Very often the person who is "'ard of 'earin'" acts as prejudicially upon the nerves as the dog on whose tail one unconsciously treads, though the latter frequently furnishes its own antidote in so far that it may be, and frequently is, kicked. Instances of this are often furnished in courts of justice, and a case which happened yesterday at the Quarter Sessions is illustrative of what sometimes occurs. The Crown Prosecutor: "What is your name?" No answer. Crown Prosecutor (loudly): "What is your name?" Witness: "Eh, what, I'm 'ard of earin'." After another attempt the effort was abandoned; when his Honor who was closer to witness, asked "Where do you live?" A gleam of intelligence lit up the witness's face, who replied, "John Smith." "Do you know Corbin-street?" "Yes, yes. I know Albion-street." The Crown Prosecutor discouraged, withdrew the witness, who left the box carrying with him the sympathies of many in the court, who had been painfully striving to hear the statements made by several mumbling and almost inaudible witnesses.

Smallpox on Eastern Mail Steamers.—The Board of Health yesterday decided that both the Japanese mail steamer Nikko Maru and the E. and A.S.S. Company's mail steamer Empire, now on their way down the Queensland coast from Japan and China, shall be placed in strict quarantine immediately upon their arrival at Sydney on Wednesday or Thursday next. Two cases of smallpox occurred on the Nikko Maru after leaving Hongkong, and the patients were landed at Manila; while five of the Japanese were landed at Thursday Island on Wednesday. Smallpox also broke out on board the Empire, and one death occurred four days before arriving off Thursday Island.

Bronte Surf Bathers.—Mr. A. Kemp, secretary of the Bronte Surf-bathing Association, writes as follows:—Consternation was caused amongst the Bronte surf bathers yesterday morning through names being taken by the police preparatory to prosecution for undressing within public view," contrary to the new municipal ordinances. No dressing enclosure for men exists at Bronte, although the Waverley Council voted the money to provide such over a month ago. For some reason the execution of the work has been delayed, and bathers are forced to undress on the beach, behind the rocks, in consequence of no shelter being provided.

The usual excursion to the Hawkesbury River will be made to-morrow by train leaving Sydney at 9.5 a.m., and to Parkesvale by train leaving Sydney at 2.10 p.m.

An additional fast passenger train will leave Mount Victoria at 10.5 a.m. to-morrow, call at all stations to Lawson, inclusive, and be due to arrive at Sydney at 12.45 p.m.

We have received a copy of Hunter's "Pocket Diary for 1908," which contains useful information for photo-engravers.

"Suburban" complains that the 8.28 a.m. car from Kensington is continually over-crowded, and suggests that danger would be avoided by running an extra car.

The adjourned annual meeting of the members of the United Dental Hospital was held on Wednesday night. Dr. Maguire occupied the chair. The report stated that the hospital was in a satisfactory position, the result of careful and economical management. The premises, however, were inadequate, and it was hoped that Government support would be enlisted in the erection of a hospital with the necessary accommodation and equipment for the work which was increasing day by day.

Tenders for the erection of the new police station at Annandale, for which a sum of £1800 was recently voted upon the Estimates, will be called for early next month.

"Stockyard" states that bullocks and cows are driven into the city every Thursday in contravention of the regulations.

Both Mr. A. G. Hale and "Coogarah" write that the dozen aldermen returned at the Kogarah municipal election are unimproved value taxationists.

TO-DAY.

The Fallacy of No License: Town Hall, Chatswood, 8.
R.A.A. Band: Hyde Park, 3.30.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "The Dairymaids," 8.
Theatre Royal: "The Scarlet Pimpernel," 8.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8.
Criterion Theatre: "Charley's Aunt," 8.
National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 7.45.
Oxford Theatre: London Picturescope, 8.
Clay's Vaudeville: Masonic Hall, North Sydney, 8.
Haymarket Hippodrome: 8.
Zoological Gardens: 10.
Victoria Hall: Picturescope, 8.
Queen's Hall: London Bio-Tableaux, 8.
Wonderland City, Bondi: 10.
The Figure Eight, Coogee: 3.30.
Butterfly Theatre, Coogee: 8.30.
Glaciarium: West's Pictures, 8.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE NIMROD EXPEDITION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Senate to-day Senator Neild had a large number of questions to ask the Government concerning the grant of £5000 towards the Nimrod expedition to the South Pole. The Vice-President of the Executive Council, in the course of his replies, said that the application was not made by Professor David alone, but representations had reached the Government from various sources. The Minister also remarked that there was no reason to believe that the expedition was of a speculative character as suggested in one of the questions.

FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT.

A new department is already announced. The Federal Government intends to have an expert appointed to superintend the development of the fishing industry of Australia. He is to have control of all investigation work, and this will be the commencement of a new department. Applicants for the position of chief expert will be required to possess practical knowledge and experience in fish acclimatisation and culture, including detail in the establishment of hatcheries, and also of methods of culture, particularly in connection with the trawler now being built. It is contemplated that the efforts of the Commonwealth, in addition to practical demonstration, shall be supplemented by experimental and educational work. The chief expert is to be placed whenever circumstances will allow at the disposal of any State.

COMMERCIAL AGENTS.

The Victorian Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Swinburne, expressed the opinion, when speaking on Federal and State relations, that the Federal Government should consult the States before appointing Commercial Agents. The Minister for Customs says this certainly will be done.

PERSONAL.

Sir John Madden and a party of tourists with him, including some English visitors, had to go without food for 17 hours when in the upper reaches of the Wanganui River, New Zealand. The "Oamaru Mail," of January 23, says:—"They left the house boat at midday on the previous day in a small boat. A large boat met them, but owing to an accident to its machinery could not carry the tourists down, and they had to come on in a small boat. Through an oversight there were no provisions on board, and owing to the lowness of the river the boat proceeded slowly. The party had to camp out all night with no food and no bedding. The tourists had a rough time. The ladies slept on the boat and the men on shore. A large camp fire was built, and the best made of matters. Pipinki was reached at 5.30 a.m."

Dr. Ramsay Smith, president of the Central Board of Health of South Australia, left Adelaide yesterday for Sydney, to attend the interstate conference on the Danysz experiments.

At the Colonial Sugar Company's distillery, Pyrmont, on Wednesday afternoon, Mr. W. Bannister, the retiring manager, was presented with a handsome travelling case by his fellow employees as a token of esteem. Mr. Bannister, who acknowledged the gift, is retiring from the service of the company for health reasons.

At a meeting of the Pastures Protection Boards Council of Advice, Rabbit Destruction Fund Committee, held yesterday, the hon. secretary, Captain A. W. Pearse, was granted leave of absence during the period of his visit to Europe.

At a meeting of the Victorian Cabinet, the Acting Government printer of Victoria (Mr. J. Kemp) was appointed Government printer for 12 months on probation. Mr. Kemp was granted six weeks' leave of absence, and on returning will take up the duties of the position. He has been the officer in charge of the department since the death of the late Mr. Brain, and the question whether he should receive the permanent appointment, or whether applications for the position should be called for, inside and outside the service, has at different times been under the consideration of the Cabinet, and was mentioned in Parliament.

On Wednesday last, in the Stanmore Methodist School Hall, a representative audience of ministers and members of the congregations of the Stanmore Methodist circuit wished farewell to Mr. T. H. England, B.A., J.P., on his departure from the district after 16 years' association with the Stanmore Church. Mr. England was circuit steward for 11 years, and acted as treasurer of the Stanmore Church Trust. The Rev. J. G. Morris Taylor presided, and addresses were delivered by representative speakers, who eulogised Mr. England's work. Mr. England was the recipient of a roll-top desk, and Mrs. England was presented with a silver centre-piece, both gifts being suitably inscribed.

A presentation was made to Mr. Alexander B. Macdonald by his brother engineers of the Howard Smith Company's fleet, in Melbourne, on Tuesday night. Mr. Macdonald, after a connection with the firm of 26 years, is retiring from the position of superintendent engineer.

Mr. F. Poate, J.P., who is absent from the State on account of illhealth, has been relieved of his position as member and chairman of the Local Land Boards for the districts of B gara, Moree, Narrabri, Walgett, and Warialda. Mr. R. Shelton, officer-in-charge of the Information Bureau, Lands Department, has been appointed acting chairman of the boards named pending Mr. Poate's return to duty.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES' NEW PROJECTS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Victorian Minister for Agriculture expressed the opinion when speaking on the subject of the Commonwealth and States' relations that the States should be consulted before the Federal Agricultural Bureau is established. The Minister for Customs, Mr. Chapman, says he hopes that the same sensible view taken by Mr. Swinburne, and the harmony which existed between the Federal Government and that Minister over the butter freight conditions of the mail contract, will continue in all affairs of the future, and before the bureau is established, and before any commercial agents for abroad are appointed the States will most certainly be consulted. Instructions have gone out to procure the best possible information on all subjects.

DOCUMENTS BY THE TON.

The Secretary for the Home Affairs Department, Colonel Miller, calculates that he has collected tons of documents in relation to the valuation of the transferred properties. Record has been made of the smallest items, so that, although the total value will come into millions, there will be articles included worth sixpence or a shilling. The secretary estimates that the documents will weigh between five and six tons.

A TRAIN WRECKER SENTENCED.

SEVEN YEARS' HARD LABOUR.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At the Horsham General Sessions to-day, Walter Mackley pleaded guilty to having, on December 14, feloniously placed timber on the railway line near Horsham, with the intention of doing injury to certain persons travelling on the Adelaide express. Dr. Jordan, of Ballarat Gaol, said Mackley was of weak mind. He had not power to estimate truly the value of his actions, and did things merely for the sake of the excitement they produced, or out of inquisitiveness. In sentencing the prisoner to seven years' imprisonment, Judge Eagleson said he was perfectly certain that the prisoner was aware when he committed it that it was an offence likely to cause extensive damage to public property and the death of a number of innocent persons.

BURGLARS' BIG HAUL.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

On Wednesday night the residence of Mrs. W. A. Stewart, of Payneham, was entered by burglars, and about £800 worth of jewellery stolen.

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PORTUGAL PLACATED.

CORTES TO BE CONVOKED.

REPEAL OF THE DICTATORSHIP.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

The Ferreira Cabinet in Portugal intends to convoke the Cortes, and repeal most of the decrees issued by the Franco dictatorship, dealing with the liberty of the press, immunity of members of Parliament from arrest, and the suspension of municipalities.

The country welcomes the Ministry as one of appeasement.

RETIREMENT OF SENHOR FRANCO.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

Senhor Franco, ex-Premier, has definitely retired from politics.

INNOCENT SPECTATOR KILLED.

It is stated that one of the three men who were killed after the assassination of King Carlos and the Crown Prince was an innocent spectator.

LOYALTY OF THE PEOPLE.

Admiral Ferriera do Amaral, the Premier, during the course of an interview, said that the Portuguese were devotedly attached to the Monarchy, and even if a revolution had been possible, Saturday's crime would prevent its realisation.

REFERENCE IN THE SENATE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Senator Stewart asked the following question in Parliament to-day in reference to the cablegram despatched by the Federal Government on Monday:—"Will the Government ascertain whether it is true that the late King of Portugal dissolved Parliament, usurped despotic power, taxed by decree, compelled people to pay by force of arms, and suppressed free speech?"

The Vice-President of the Executive Council replied: "The Government will ask or seek for no such information. The Government simply sent a cable to indicate its indignation and abhorrence at the assassination of the King and Crown Prince of Portugal." (Loud cheers).

REQUIEM MASS AT ST. MARY'S.

Monsignor O'Haran has notified the Consul for Portugal (Mr. W. Clarke) that Cardinal Moran will preside at a solemn requiem mass in St. Mary's Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday for the late King and Crown Prince of Portugal.

BRITISH EMIGRATION BOARD.

ASSISTING SOCIAL DRIFTWOOD.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

The annual meeting of the Central Immigration Board was held yesterday at the house of Lord Brassey, 24 Park-lane. Sir Horace Tozer, Agent-General for Queensland, Mr. J. G. Jenkins, Agent-General for South Australia, Mr. C. H. Rason, Agent-General for Western Australia, Captain Collins, representing the Commonwealth, Mr. B. R. Wise, and Sir Kinloch Cooke, were among those present.

Mr. T. A. Coghlan, Agent-General for New South Wales, and Mr. J. W. Taverner, Agent-General for Victoria, wrote declining to attend on the ground that the persons which the board selected to emigrate would not be welcome in Australia, being mostly failures of the town.

The report stated that 369 people had emigrated under the auspices of the board, almost all to Canada where employment was found.

Lord Brassey said that if the board was properly supported it would accomplish much more.

The Earl of Ranfurly proposed a motion pledging the meeting to support the board in promoting emigration of suitable and desirable persons from the United Kingdom to the colonies. He stated that no one would be sent who was not suited to colonial life.

Mr. J. G. Jenkins said that emigrants only needed ample pluck and a suitable start.

Mr. C. H. Rason said that the type of emigrant wanted in Australia constantly varied in each State. The Government must be the judge. Suitable settlers for the land were principally required at present.

The resolution was carried.

Mr. B. R. Wise proposed a motion approving of the work of the board. He said that it was useless to send the social driftwood of England to the dominions overseas.

Sir Kinloch Cooke claimed that the fund entrusted to the board had been administered by men of practical colonial experience.

The motion was carried.

ORIGIN OF GOODS.

IRISH TRADE MARK.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

Lord Elgin, Secretary of State for the Colonies, invites the Commonwealth to consider a suggestion that the Irish trade mark be accepted as evidence of the origin of goods bearing it.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

No communication has yet reached the Federal Government on the subject of Irish trade marks. The Minister for Customs, who controls the Patents Office of the Commonwealth, stated to-night that the question of the country of origin of patents is being very closely inquired into, as it is desirous that England should not be made a conduit for applications.

COUNTESS OF YARMOUTH.

DECREE OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

The Countess of Yarmouth (sister of Harry Thaw) has obtained a decree for nullity of marriage in London. The action was heard in camera, and was not defended by the Earl of Yarmouth.

DEATHS FROM INFLUENZA.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

Eighty deaths from influenza have occurred in London since December. There were 32 last week.

AMERICAN SUBMARINE.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

America's latest type of submarine is provided with a compartment forward with a door exit as a last resort.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

At the wool sales this afternoon there was improved competition for crossbreds, but no change with respect to merinos.

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At the wool sales yesterday prices realised were:—Nalang, 12¼d; Goonanbil, 10½d; Walhallow, 12½d; Wingadee, 10½d; Dagworth, 10½; Hiku, 10¼d; Tuapiti, 9½d.

THE DUAL ALLIANCE.

A COOLNESS.

AMBASSADOR ASKS FOR RECALL.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

Russia, through her Foreign Minister, M. Isvolsky, recently made a proposition to France for raising a loan, but France would not accept the proposals. Owing to this refusal the reception of M. Bompard, the French Ambassador, by the Czar, was so cool that M. Bompard has asked to be recalled.

The French peasant has lent all that he intends to the Czar, and will not loosen his pursestrings any more, despite all the enthusiasm which the alliance with Russia evoked on its inception. Russia, who has always been friendly with Germany, has now entered into an arrangement with her regarding the Baltic Sea, and as the French navy is falling backward it may be that she does not feel so kindly towards the Republic as of yore. Hence occasion may have been taken of the refusal of further loans to let France see that she is not indispensable to Russia. At any rate, these things are possible.

DRUCE CIVIL ACTION.

DISMISSED AS VEXATIOUS.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

Master G. A. Bonner, in Chambers, dismissed the action brought by G. H. Druce against the Lord Howard de Walden, claiming the estates of the Fifth Duke of Portland, on the grounds that the action was frivolous and vexatious. Costs were given against Druce.

ANOTHER REMARKABLE DIARY.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

The "Daily Chronicle" publishes to-day an amazing diary, written by Mrs. Robinson, consisting of several columns of the history of a Bible presented her as a prize by the Duchess of Gloucester. The history is addressed "Mortlake National Schools," where Mrs. Mary Robinson was educated.

COLONIAL BUTTER BOOMING.

138s PER CWT.

LONDON, Feb. 6, 11 a.m.

There is a great demand for colonial butter, and sellers are making their own prices.

Choicest Australian butter is quoted at 136s per cwt., and New Zealand 138s.

A week ago the quotation of Australian butter in London was 118s to 120s, and of New Zealand 122s to 124s, Danish 126s to 128s.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

Advices received show that the Wellington shipment of butter by the steamer Tongariro met a buoyant market in London, and realised 130s a cwt., or 8s a cwt. higher than the present quotation for best Danish. Another firm advised Danish and New Zealand prices equal at the same figure, which constitutes a record for New Zealand butter.

THE ASIATIC DANGER.

MAY CONTROL PACIFIC SLOPE.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

A convention of the Asiatic Exclusion Leagues of the Pacific Coast of the United States and of British Columbia began at Seattle yesterday.

Mr. Young, on behalf of the American Federation of Labour, representing over 200,000 working men, advocated Congress passing a law absolutely excluding Japanese, who, he said, would otherwise control the Pacific slope within 25 years.

STATE OF THE NAVY.

FIRST SEA LORD'S REIGN.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

Lord Esher declines to join the new Imperial Maritime League because of its demand for a public inquiry into the state of the navy, which would amount to a vote of want of confidence in the Admiralty. Such action would cause the resignation of Admiral of the Fleet, Sir John Fisher, First Sea Lord, which everyone in Germany, from the Emperor downwards, desires.

LAND GRAB SCHEME.

WINDSOR CASTLE GROUNDS.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

Leaders of the Manchester unemployed, speaking at a meeting at Tower Hill, London, threatened to seize the grounds of Windsor Castle, which they said they would put to better use than the King.

They asserted that one large land grab was the best way to solve the unemployed problem.

THE DENSHAWI INCIDENT.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons last night in reply to Mr. F. M. C. Mackarness (Liberal), said that the Denshawi prisoners who were sentenced for committing a murderous assault on British officers in 1906 had been released on January 7 by the clemency of the Khedive, in co-operation with Great Britain.

EDUCATION IN ENGLAND.

DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

In the debate of the Address in Reply to the speech from the Throne in the House of Commons last night, Lord Robert Cecil moved an amendment, criticising the administration of the Education Department.

The amendment was defeated by 272 votes to 79.

SIBERIAN CRIME.

A FAMILY MURDERED.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

The Headman of Khabarovsk, Siberia, with his relatives, totalling five men, seven women, and five children, were assassinated.

The assassins then secured 18,600 roubles (£1860).

PREDATORY WEALTH.

MR. BRYAN'S FULMINATIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

Mr. W. J. Bryan, a Democratic candidate for the Presidency, speaking at New York yesterday, eulogised the crusade of honesty made by President Roosevelt. Mr. Bryan then delivered a fierce assault on stock gamblings and predatory wealth. He declared that the New York Stock Exchange graduated more embezzlers than Fagin's school did thieves.

WRECK OF THE WINDSOR.

INSURANCE, £20,000.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

The steamer Windsor which was totally lost on Abrolhos Reef, off the west coast of Western Australia, was insured for £20,000.

FEARS FOR THE MEN ON BOARD.

GALE BLOWING.

PERTH (W.A.), Thursday.

No further news has been received from the wreck of the Windsor on the reef at Pelsart Island, in the Abrolhos Group, and fears are entertained for the safety of Captain Walters, chief officer Jones, 3 apprentices, and 12 Chinese who were left on board.

The steamer Penguin, with a rocket apparatus, from Fremantle, cannot reach the wreck before 5 o'clock to-night. A telegram from Geraldton this afternoon stated that it was blowing three-quarters of a gale outside the bay, and consequently the tug Venus has not returned. Pilots all agree that it is very doubtful if the wreck could survive last night's storm.

The purser, who is ashore, states that the fore part of the steamer is so firmly wedged on the reef that he thinks it would stand the storm. All the companies dealing locally in marine insurance have been affected to an extent in the aggregate of between eleven and twelve thousand pounds.

Messrs. J. E. Stewart and Co. had eleven hundred tons of sandalwood on board, that quantity having been insured, it is understood, at Hongkong. It is understood that the total insurances amount to £25,000. Some 1500 tons of sandalwood were shipped by Duncan, Paterson, and Co., of Fremantle. This is covered by insurance locally. The vessel itself, it is understood, was insured in London.

The latest message from Geraldton states that the third engineer of the Windsor says that when he left Pelsart Island for the mainland only seven men could be seen on the wreck. The Penguin could make only eight knots an hour on the run up the coast, and as she could not reach the wreck before dark, she put into Geraldton. She will reach the vicinity of the wreck at daylight to-morrow.

The weather outside Geraldton is very heavy, and the gravest fears are felt for those on the Windsor.

DISORDER IN IRELAND.

THE GLENAHIRY OUTRAGE.

ASSESSING THE DAMAGES.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

The damages and costs allowed in connection with the claim of Lord Ashtown for compensation for the bomb outrage which occurred in August last at Glenahiry Lodge, his shooting seat in Wexford, amounted to £500, which is equal to a tax of 1s in the pound in the area which will have to pay the amount.

ARREST OF LAND LEAGUERS.

Fifteen Irish land leaguers of Callow, County Mayo, were arrested for preventing the Congested Districts Board allotting grazing land at Frenchpark to a stranger in the district. Four were subsequently discharged, and the remainder committed for trial.

ULSTER KING OF ARMS.

SIR ARTHUR VICARS'S PROTEST.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

Sir Arthur Vicars refused to relinquish the office of Ulster King of Arms, claiming that he had not been notified according to law.

Yesterday his dismissal from office was regularly formulated.

Sir Arthur Vicars now yields under protest, and legal developments are expected.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

OUTBREAK IN SCOTLAND.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

A serious outbreak of foot and mouth disease has occurred in the village of Gorgie, Midlothian. Eighty-one cows out of 111 are infected.

The disease referred to above is black leg, which has a tendency to recur on properties where it has once got a footing. The first symptom in cattle is a marked stiffness or lameness of one of the limbs. The animal has a dull dejected appearance, and stops feeding. Later a swelling appears beneath the skin, usually upon one of the hindquarters, which is painful to the animal when touched. The only remedy is vaccination. The disease is more virulent in England than in this State.

SIR ANTONY MACDONNELL.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

Mr. A. Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, denies that Sir Antony MacDonnell, Under Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, has resigned.

MEAT FOR THE ARMY.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

The War Office is inviting tenders for May 4 for 533,280 tins (12oz.), and 266,690 tins (24oz.), of preserved meat for delivery in September and November.

MRS. MARY BAKER EDDY.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science, has left Concord, and now resides in a splendid mansion at Boston.

MID-CORNWALL ELECTION.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

The Hon. T. Agar-Robartes (Liberal) has been elected unopposed to the House of Commons by Mid-Cornwall in succession to Mr. W. A. M'Arthur, resigned.

MELBA AT ALBURY.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME.

ALBURY, Thursday.

Madame Melba, on arriving by the express train last night, was met by the Mayor, Mr. A. Waugh, and a number of leading citizens, and formally welcomed to Albury. The Mayor's wife presented Madame Melba with a bouquet from the people of Albury. Other bouquets were presented from local musical organisations. The town band also welcomed the visitor with a musical greeting.

To-night she held a concert in the New Theatre, which was crowded to the doors by an enthusiastic audience.

BIG FIRE IN TIMARU.

LARGE STORE GUTTED.

DAMAGE £70,000.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

A big fire occurred at Timaru, Canterbury, completely destroying the Farmers' Co-operative retail stores and offices. When discovered half an hour after closing the fire had such a hold that it was quite hopeless to save the building. Very little stock was saved. The insurances total £56,620, distributed among various companies, as follows:—Farmers' Insurance, £6120; South British, £7000; North Queensland, £1500; Royal, £8000; National, £2500; Norwich Union, £2000; Phoenix, £4000; Alliance, £8000; Standard, £1500; Royal Exchange, £4500; Northern Assurance, £4500; New Zealand Insurance, £4500.

The total damage is estimated at £70,000.

QUEENSLAND ELECTIONS.

PARTIES EVENLY DIVIDED.

TWO MINISTERS DEFEATED.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Returns of the general elections to-day somewhat altered the position of parties. Ministerialists now tie with Kidstonites, and Socialists are close up.

At latest the position of the parties is:—

Ministerialists	25
Kidstonites	25
Socialists	22

Two members of the Philp Ministry were defeated—Mr. Stephens, Minister for Agriculture and Instruction, and Mr. Leahy, Minister for Works and Mines.

FURTHER RETURNS.

AUBIGNY.	
W. THORNE (M.F.R.)	1373
*D. M'INTYRE (K.S.)	1342
BOWEN (Complete).	
E. J. CAINE (M.)	691
*F. KENNA (K.S.)	574
BARCOO.	
*G. KERR (K.S.)	769
R. T. BAMBRICK (S.)	762
BRISBANE NORTH (Complete).	
*E. B. FOREST (M.)	1633
E. G. C. BARTON (K.S.)	1591
R. W. THURLOW (M.)	1542
J. G. SMITH (S.)	1434
BRISBANE SOUTH (Complete).	
J. HUXHAM (S.)	3137
P. AIREY (K.S.)	3134
*W. STEPHENS (M.)	2933
*R. W. BOUCHARD (M.)	2930
BURRUM.	
A. S. COWLEY (M.)	765
*C. D. RANKIN (K.S.)	720
R. HODGE (S.)	535
BURNETT.	
*A. J. JONES (S.)	1634
A. CAMERON (M.)	1094
CUNNINGHAM (Complete).	
*F. GRAYSON (M.)	1735
A. C. MORGAN (K.S.)	1687
CROYDON.	
W. S. MURPHY (K.S.)	539
*V. CREAGH (M.)	380
CHARTERS TOWERS (Two Members).	
V. WINSTANLEY (S.)	3344
J. MULLAN (S.)	3331
*J. MILLICAN (M.)	2209
*W. J. PAULL (M.)	2176
CARPENTARIA.	
*T. NEVITT (S.)	333
G. WATSON (M.)	186
CAMBOOYA (Complete).	
*D. M'INTOSH (I.)	1530
J. T. STIRLING (M.F.R.)	1148
CAIRNS.	
*J. MANN (K.S.)	1063
J. LYONS (M.)	833
CARNARVON (Complete.)	
*D. GUNN (I.)	693
J. C. McKENNA (S.)	520
P. LANDRIGAN (S.)	496
T. DRAKE (K.S.)	165
DALBY.	
*L. T. J. BELL (K.S.)	1198
W. J. VOWLES (M.)	406
FITZROY.	
*H. COWAP (K.S.)	1865
D. M'ARTHUR (S.)	988
FORTITUDE VALLEY (Two Members), Complete.	
*D. BOWMAN (S.)	3479
P. A. McLAUGHLIN (S.)	3365
*J. McMASTER (M.)	2617
G. W. POWER (M.)	2495
GYMPIE (Two Members).	
*D. MULCAHY (S.)	2659
*G. RYLAND (S.)	2573
W. E. BURBRIDGE (M.)	2295
J. WILSON (M.)	2292
HERBERT.	
*W. LENNON (S.)	1018
G. H. PRITCHARD (M.)	596
IPSWICH (Two Members), Complete.	
*J. W. BLAIR (K.S.)	2884
*W. J. B. MAUGHAN (S.)	2671
A. J. STEPHENSON (M.)	2045
W. T. DEACON (M.)	1732
KENNEDY.	
*G. JACKSON (K.S.)	705
A. STRATHDEE (M.)	486
H. BARSBY (S.)	373
LOGAN.	
*J. STODART (M.)	890
M. SCHNEIDER (K.S.)	414
MARYBOROUGH (Two Members). Complete.	
*W. MITCHELL (S.)	2232
*J. ADAMSON (S.)	2214
H. C. GARDE (I. M.)	1534
F. L. CHARLTON (I.M.)	1504
MACKAY (Two Members).	
*W. T. PAGET (M.)	2325
*E. B. SWAYNE (M.)	2250
D. THOM (S.)	1441
MUSGRAVE.	
*J. WHITE (M.)	1130
J. MATHESON (S.)	785
MURILLA.	
*W. J. MOORE (M.)	597
J. GREDDON (S.)	495
MORTON.	
*J. D. CAMPBELL (M.)	1631
G. H. COTTELL (K.S.)	898
MARANOA.	
*J. HUNTER (S.)	1560
D. JONES (M.F.R.)	775
NORTH ROCKHAMPTON.	
*J. BRENNAN (K.S.)	964
G. P. CONNOR (M.)	607
NUNDAH (Complete).	
*R. SUMMER (K.S.)	1283
G. PHILLIPS (M.)	1160
PORT CURTIS.	
*R. HERBERTSON (K.S.)	720
T. DE L. KELLETT	466
ROCKHAMPTON (two members). Complete.	
*W. KIDSTON (K.S.)	2343
*K. GRANT (K.S.)	2001
A. H. FEEZ (M.)	1435
S. W. HARTLEY (M.)	1420
ROSEWOOD.	
*D. T. KEOGH (M.F.R.)	1071
M. O'SULLIVAN	335
T. E. COULSON	299
TOOWONG (Complete).	
R. J. COTTELL (K.S.)	2273
*E. H. MACARTNEY (M.)	2118
TOWNSVILLE (Two Members, complete).	
*R. PHILP (M.)	2158
*P. F. HANRAN (M.)	2089
T. FOLEY (S.)	1984
A. S. AUSTIN (S.)	1914
WIDE BAY.	
*H. F. WALKER (M.)	1171
W. BURTON (S.)	656
WARWICK (complete).	
G. P. BARNES (M.F.R.)	1297
*T. O'SULLIVAN (K.S.)	1206
WARRIGO.	
J. H. COYNE (S.)	641
*P. J. LEAHY (M.)	477
WOOTHAKATA.	
*M. J. R. WOODS (K.S.)	1063
A. PAIN (—)	234
WOOLLOONGABBA (complete).	
D. HUNTER (K.S.)	1744
*G. H. BLOCKSIDGE (M.)	1620
A. SKIRVING (S.)	725

"M." signifies Ministerialist; "M.F.R.," Ministerial farming representative; "I.M.," Independent Ministerialist; "S.," Socialist; "K.S.," Kidston Socialist. * Former member.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM SYDNEY.

The Political Labour League's conference, at its meeting last night, congratulated the Queensland Labour party on its success at the polls on Wednesday. Mr. F. Bryant, the president of the conference, as the first business, called upon Mr. W. A. Holman, M.L.A., as deputy leader of the State Labour party, to submit a motion on the subject.

Mr. Holman moved,—"That this conference send its hearty congratulations to the Queensland Labour party upon its great triumph of yesterday."

The motion was seconded, and carried with three cheers, and one of the delegates asked, "What about sending a message of condolence with Chelmsford?"

At the weekly meeting of the Sydney Labour Council last night it was resolved that a telegram be sent to the leader of the Queensland Labour party congratulating them on their victory at the elections.

BRISBANE TRAMWAY RECEIPTS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The receipts of the Brisbane tramways for January were £14,335 7s 10d, compared to £12,464 15s 1d for January, 1907, an increase of £1870 [illegible] for last month.

FOURTH TEST MATCH.

ENGLAND AND AUSTRALIA.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Considerable interest is being taken in the fourth test match between the English team and Australia to-morrow. This is the last chance the Englishmen will have of saving the rubber. That is, if they lose this match the rubber will have been won by Australia, but if they win they will still have a chance. The best three of five will then depend on the result of the final match in Sydney; therefore, they may be expected to play their hardest game on this occasion. A. O. Jones, the English captain, who has been absent from the field for a considerable time in consequence of illness, will make a welcome appearance in command of the English test eleven. His absence has been a big handicap to his team, which has been weakened in cricketing ability and in generalship.

Fane, who has captained the Englishmen in the three test matches to date, will stand down, and his place will be taken by Jones. The latter looks in splendid health, and is as keen as possible. He feels a bit soft, but otherwise all right, and his men were at the nets this afternoon. The Australians practiced in the morning. It is rather remarkable that Fane should be standing down. It shows that while a man may be deemed qualified to lead England against Australia he may be the first omitted when another comes into the eleven. One may be an indifferent player and a good captain. Still the fact that the captain in the former test matches is perhaps the last chosen can hardly be expected to beget confidence in the players. The big moral influence of A. O. Jones has hitherto been wanting.

The Australians are in the happy position of knowing that one more victory will give them the rubber. Still that will not cause them, even if they should win now, to slacken their efforts in the slightest degree towards beating England on every occasion.

A good deal of regret is expressed at the absence, through business requirements, of Hartigan from the Australian side. He played such high-class cricket in Adelaide that his non-appearance in this engagement, of course, weakens the home eleven. Melbourne people are further disappointed because they looked forward to seeing him bat.

There is also regret that Cotter has not recovered sufficiently to take his place in the team. There is always something sensational to be expected from the Sydney express bowler, whether it is with ball or with bat. Still O'Connor did splendid work at Adelaide, and that fact reconciles the public to the absence of Cotter.

The only alteration between the eleven which won so decisively at Adelaide and that to represent Australia to-morrow is the inclusion of S. E. Gregory in the place of Hartigan. There is something remarkable in the fact that he has gained a place in Australia's representative side after having been absent from the New South Wales eleven for so long. Still, that is not his fault, for, at any rate, during the past couple of years he has been in the same form which made his name famous. He showed in the recent engagement with Victoria that if anything he is a sounder bat than when he was previously in the forefront of Australia's cricketers. Whether successful this time or not, the general opinion of the authorities in Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide was during the other test matches that Gregory was required to break up Barnes's length.

The teams are:—

ENGLAND.

A. O. Jones	W. R. Rhodes
K. L. Hutchings	J. Humphries
J. N. Crawford	A. Fielder
S. F. Barnes	J. Hardstaff
L. C. Braund	G. Gunn.
J. B. Hobbs	

AUSTRALIA.

M. A. Noble	S. E. Gregory
C. Hill	V. Ransford
W. W. Armstrong	H. Carter
V. Trumper	J. V. Saunders
J. A. O'Connor	C. G. Macartney.
P. M'Alister	

C. M'Kenzie is twelfth man for Australia, and Fane will probably fill that position for England. The umpires are Messrs. Argall and Crockett. The previous test match in Melbourne was played on a Bulli pitch. This will be decided on a wicket of Merri Creek soil. It is expected to be slow at first, and there is some doubt as to its lasting qualities.

The probable financial results of the tour are exercising the attention of the treasurers of the various associations and of the Board of Control. The associations, by their representatives on the Board of Control, offered the Marylebone Cricket Club half the ground takings in all matches, with a guarantee that such takings should not be less than £10,000. E. E. Bean and H. P. Rush, two of the Victorian delegates to the Board of Control, explained the position to-night. They say that the board further decided that the whole of the profits in each State should be paid into a special trust fund, in the names of the secretary of the Board of Control and the secretary of the association. This money is to be retained in that fund until the Board of Control certifies that no loss has been sustained. It was further arranged that if a loss were sustained the associations should contribute to such loss in proportion to the profits made in each State. If the amount of loss absorbs the whole of the profits, then a call is to be made on the associations in proportion to their representation on the Board of Control. The manager of the English team has up to now received £5389 14s 11d, and there is a further amount of £106 16s 9d due from the match finished on Tuesday, making a total of £5596 11s 8d. The trust funds in the various States amount, roughly, to about £5500, so that the amount of guarantee is already in hand. The Board of Control has still two test matches and two other matches (against New South Wales and South Australia) to be played. If the Englishmen win the test match beginning to-morrow, there remains the final for the rubber, to be played in Sydney, the Englishmen's share should be increased by another £2000 or £2500, and the associations would thus have to make up the balance of £2000 or £2500, but this amount would come out of the trust funds, which by that time would have reached about £8000. There is thus sure to be profit to the associations, though it may not be as large as was expected. For the match England v Victoria, concluded on Tuesday, the gross takings were £253 13s. This sum will be divided thus:—English team, £106 16s 9d; Melbourne Cricket Club, £63 8s 3d; Victorian Cricket Association, £83 8s. The association will have to pay all the expenses of the match, amounting to about £120, so that it will lose about £37 on the game.

Forecast.—South to east winds, slight showers in east parts, and cloudy skies, fine otherwise. Temperature beginning to rise in north and west.

N.S.W. V ENGLAND.

The following thirteen have been selected to practise for the match to be played by New South Wales against the English team on Friday next:—Carter, Noble, Macartney, Trumper, S. E. Gregory, Hopkins, Bardsley, Barnes, Diamond, A. J. Bowden, L. A. Minnett, Johnson, E. F. Waddy. At present it is uncertain as to Cotter's fitness to take part in the game, but it is understood he intends playing in the club match on Saturday, and if he is well enough to stand the strain his name will of course be added to the list.

RIFLE MEETING DEADLOCK.

ULTIMATUM TO NORTHERN COUNCIL.

The difficulty between the N.R.A. and the Northern District Rifle Association as to where the northern district meeting should be held has been brought to a head at last by the decision of the N.R.A. to send what is practically an ultimatum to the northern council. The dispute has been explained in these columns. Briefly, the N.R.A. and the Military Board have appointed the meeting to Adamstown, near Newcastle. The northern association has appointed Singleton. At Wednesday's council meeting a curt letter from the northerners was read, refusing to comply with the N.R.A. demands. A letter from General Gordon stated that the Government grant to the meeting would be withheld failing consent to its being held at Adamstown.

It was thereupon resolved, in order that the Newcastle riflemen, of whom there were stated to be some four or five for every one near Singleton, might have the advantage of a meeting, that a definite date should be fixed for the early decision of the trouble; and if the consent of the northern council were not received by the 19th inst, Colonel Rancland and a Newcastle committee should be asked to undertake the management of a meeting at Adamstown. This meeting will be held, whether the northern council find it possible to hold one at Newcastle or not.

SENSATIONAL VOYAGE.

STEAMER MOERAKI DAMAGED.

PASSENGER INJURED.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

The Union Steamship Company's Moeraki had a very rough passage from Sydney. On Monday heavy seas broke on board the vessel, carried away part of the deck cargo, and smashed the railings. A passenger named Grant was considerably injured, and arrived here in a state of semi-collapse.

THE COAL TROUBLES.

BURWOOD PIT IDLE YESTERDAY.

OTHER MINES WORKING.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The Royal Commission inquiring into the mining disputes did not sit to-day, but the members of the Court and representatives of the parties spent the day in inspecting the Northumberland and Northern Extended collieries, two of the Teralba group of mines.

The position is still very serious, as the Burwood colliery, which was thrown idle yesterday morning, in consequence of a strike of drivers and other boys, remained idle again to-day. When the time arrived for the men to resume this morning, the miners and wheelers were in attendance, but the boys implicated in stopping the colliery were absent. The miners had an interview with the manager, Mr. Frank Croudace, and expressed their willingness to go below. The manager asked them if they would take the horses, but this they declined. There was nothing to be done therefore but for the men and wheelers to return to their homes. The acting president of the federation, Mr. J. M'Williams, and the general secretary, Mr. W. Brennan, met the men, and it was decided to call a meeting of miners to-night, when their position will be reconsidered. A proposal will be put before the men that have a cavil to decide who will take the horses in the event of the drivers and clippers failing to put in an appearance to-morrow morning. If the men agree to the holding of a cavil, the miners will be able to resume work immediately without the help of the boys.

The Dudley colliery, which was idle on Tuesday, but resumed work yesterday, continued operations to-day.

BURWOOD TO RESUME WORK.

Burwood Colliery will probably resume work to-morrow morning. A large meeting of Burwood miners was held at Broadmeadow to-night. A number of wheelers and drivers were also present. The meeting was addressed by the acting president of the federation (Mr. J. McWilliams), Mr. Brennan (general secretary), and several other members of the committee of management. The position was explained to the men and boys, and they were told that the outlook was so serious that immediate action was necessary if general trouble was to be averted. A number ance was given to the executive officers that suming work in the morning, and an assurance was given to the executive officers that there would be no trouble. On their part the miners agreed that if the boys refused work in the morning they would go below and carry on the work of the mine without them.

The Newcastle Company's A pit, at the Glebe, resumed general work to-day. The fillers had an interview with the manager, and asked that the grievance under which at least one of their number alleged he is labouring be removed. In the meantime they have suspended the handing in of their notices.

NEATH COLLIERY IDLE.

Neath colliery, one of the latest of South Maitland mines to open up, was thrown idle to-day in consequence of a strike of miners. It appears that several of the men were charged by the manager with a breach of regulations regarding shooting in the solid. These men were suspended, and upon the others learning of the trouble they refused to work, and the pit was laid idle.

REQUEST FOR MR. GEORGE REID REJECTED.

At a meeting of the committee of management of the Colliery Employees' Federation to-day notice of motion was received from Seaham Lodge, asking that Mr. George Reid, K.C., be appointed to advocate for the federation before the Royal Commission. This motion the committee rejected.

THE MARANOA ASHORE.

VESSEL IN NO DANGER.

THURSDAY ISLAND, Thursday.

The Japanese mail steamer Yawata Maru, which arrived here to-day from Sydney, via ports, bound to China and Japan, reports having sighted the A.U.S.N. Company's steamer Maranoa ashore at a spot about 50 miles south of Cape Grenville, where she struck 14 hours after leaving here on Tuesday.

The Yawata Maru tried to tow her off, but the effort was unsuccessful. Although the J.M.S. Nikko Maru, now proceeding south, is in quarantine, she will possibly take the passengers and mails of the Maranoa to their destination.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The harbour master at Thursday Island wired to the Marine Department to-day as follows:—

"The Yawata Maru reports that the steamer Maranoa went ashore at 10 p.m. on the 4th instant, at Chapman Island. There is 12ft of water amidships, and 20ft aft. The vessel is making no water. We lent a wire hawser. The Maranoa is in no danger."

The Maranoa is a steel screw steamship of 1505 tons gross and of 805 tons net, and was built in 1883 by W. Denny and Bros., of Dumbarton, for the A.U.S.N. Company, Ltd. She is 250ft 4in in length, with a beam of 36ft 1in and a depth of 23ft. Her propelling machinery, which was supplied by the builders of the hull, consists of a set of compound surface-condensing engines of 267 nominal horse-power. The Maranoa has for some time past been employed in the Gulf trade.

A CLERGYMAN'S SUICIDE.

LONG LETTER BY THE DECEASED.

MONEY TROUBLES THE CAUSE.

PERTH (W.A.), Thursday.

The inquest concerning the death of Rev. Thos. Bird, who shot himself dead in King's Park last Friday night, concluded to-day.

Jas. Battye, City Librarian, stated he knew deceased had good properties in different parts of the town, and witness understood there was a considerable surplus. He thought the Illingworth inquiry had a very great effect on the deceased. Apart from the inquiry, however, witness knew nothing that had caused the deceased to worry to any extent. In connection with the financial matter, the following correspondence was handed in during the inquiry:—Telegram from Northam, signed "Gregory," to the deceased, January 30: "Cheque absolutely dishonoured; presented twice; bank pressing settlement; reply immediately." Telegram from Northam, signed "Stewart," to the deceased, January 30: "Annoyed, and personally greatly inconvenienced; no cheque as promised; bank pressing; proceedings if not arranged to-morrow." An unaddressed letter, written by deceased in red ink, read as follows: "Help has not come to me when I just depended on it and hoped for it. My letters will disclose where from. It is time. I have been careless, and gone beyond what I was conscious of myself. The sustentation fund pass-book deceived me. I did not allow for the £200 cheque. My affairs only need managing to pay all and have a good margin. Mr. Strother, of Albany, is coming to Perth next month. He is thinking of buying Lower King-street warehouse (5), £8500. W. Nelson, architect, is dealing with him. The mortgage is £3400, £1500, £4900. This would put £3000 at liberty for settling up a lot of matters. Neale and Constable, £8 per month, desperately cheap, and still they need some consideration for three months. For a long time I have wished to die. I am so disappointed with my own weakness. Men do as they like with me with money matters. My conference since 1901 has always opposed me." The jury returned a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane.

A QUESTION OF STARS.

"THREE STARS" TO STAND.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Judgment was to-day delivered in the appeal from the Registrar of Trade Marks in relation to the label sought to be registered by G. Mowling and Son, of Flinders-lane. The label was in respect of common soap under the name "Three Star." The application was opposed by Lever Bros., Limited, of Balmain, Sydney, the registered owners of the word "Starlight" as applicable to soap. The Registrar held that the proposed label was not calculated to deceive the public, and he dismissed the opposition. From this decision the arguments upon the appeal were heard by the Full Court on Wednesday, and the appeal was dismissed, with costs.

A CHAMPION RUNNER.

ARRESTED FOR HIS OWN SAKE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Albert Edward Bird, who 40 years ago was the champion long-distance runner of England, and came to Australia in 1868 with Hewitt and Topley, was wandering about Port Melbourne yesterday in a miserable state and was arrested for his own protection. To-day he was remanded for medical treatment.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

A MILLION ACRES.

PRIVATE SUBDIVISIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT'S SCHEME.

A few years ago it was the fashion amongst platform orators to declaim against the monopoly of land in the State, and it was no uncommon thing to hear the assertion that a ridiculously small proportion of the people owned an inordinately large proportion of the alienated lands, keeping the rest of the inhabitants of the country from their natural birthright. The taunt that the land was locked away from the people is in a fair way to become antiquated. A gentleman yesterday in conversation—he has intimate knowledge of land transactions—said that every estate in New South Wales within 15 miles of a railway line was liable to be cut up for closer settlement.

"Why 'liable'?" he was asked.

"Because," was the reply, "the legislation of recent times, for one thing, gives the Government power to resume land for closer settlement purposes, but in addition to this there is the fact that the price of land has risen in recent years until it pays better to sell it out than to keep it in large estates for sheep or cattle raising, or for letting out on the halves system for cultivation."

"Are there many estates in the market?"

"Yes, a fair number. But many others are being subdivided, or are about to be so, and the farmer who wants land will be able to get it.

GOVERNMENT ACTION.

"The Governments of this State have talked closer settlement for many years, but it is only within recent times that they have tried to combine action with talk. In years gone by they had estates offered to them for subdivision purposes, but they or the Parliament that had to assent to the acquirement of the lands did not see fit to take one estate. Later, in an accession of courage, the Government showed that it was prepared to act, and set matters in train for resuming estates. Then the law as it existed was found to be so carefully framed in the interests of fair play that the delays were intolerable. Red tape was bound round everything; the law conserved this right—it took care of that—it assured that the other should not be abrogated; it was careful to require that the seller should be safeguarded, that the taxpayer should not be victimised, that the Parliament should have full control over the acquirement of an estate, and so it happened that by the time the requirements of the Act were duly observed, and all its circumlocutory provisions carried out, so much time was lost that people grew sick of waiting and went elsewhere. Queensland has taken some of our settlers because of New South Wales delays. The law is now altered, and another method of conserving the interests of the seller has been devised. It has yet to be subjected to the test of practice.

"That which has been accomplished under the old law can be summed up in a very few words. Myall Creek in the north, and Gobbagumbalin and Marrar in the south, have been resumed, subdivided, and selected by farmers, the inquiry into the value of the Peel River lands has been held, and the report of the board sent in to the Government—and that is all. On Myall Creek 139 farms have been surveyed and sold. Of the 139 farmers 110 are residing on their selections, the farms are being used for mixed farming and dairying. On Gobbagumbalin and Marrar the surveyors divided the country into 187 farms, and all have been allotted. The fact that every farm on these resumed holdings has been taken up shows that the land hunger which was spoken of before they were made available was a real thing, not one got up for political purposes.

"But the new law provides for the appointment of advisory boards to assist the Minister for Lands in acquiring large estates for subdivision, and the Government has appointed these boards. Mr. Moore, Minister for Lands, has met the members in conference, and has given them their instructions to go to work. First of all, they will have to report on large estates within 15 miles of railway lines which are projected, so that the Government may consider the propriety of resuming these estates before the added value which the railway line will give them has accrued. It will thus become the possessor for itself of the unearned increment. After that is done with the boards will advise upon other estates—perhaps they may be farther away from railway lines, perhaps they will be on the track of existing railways, and they will have a certain amount of initiative power, in that they are not bound to wait until the Minister gives them instructions to deal with these properties, but may do so of their own volition. The Minister may, however, instruct them to value any estate, and they must obey the instruction. The new movement will probably be at a more accelerated pace than the old one was, and if so it will be a good thing.

As to the Peel River Estate, Ministers have not made any announcement as to what they propose to do. It is to all appearances hung up for the time. Possibly it may be dealt with under the Closer Settlement Act passed last session; possibly the negotiations carried on under the old Act may be continued and concluded, but whether or no it is highly probable that Peel River will become the property of the Crown before it passes into the hands of the farmers. When the land is thrown open there will be a rush for it. But it is suggested that the Government should acquire other estates for subdivision, and it is understood—because no announcement has been made, nor is it likely any will be—that some of these suggestions are under consideration. If Ministers are thinking of buying they are not likely to raise competition by saying they are possible purchasers of any block of country. There are several estates on which the Government is believed to have cast a longing eye, but the time is not ripe for making any public avowal of the fact. To sum up, the Government has taken three estates, the combined area of which is 142,474 acres—Myall Creek 54,000 acres, and Gobbagumbalin and Marrar 88,474 acres—has divided them up—Myall Creek into 139 holdings, and the other two estates into 187, or a total of 326. All the blocks have been taken up. It has taken the preliminary steps with regard to the Peel River Estate, and has received suggestions regarding a number of others, and on these it is supposed to be cogitating.

PRIVATE WORK.

But what the Government has not done private persons have done in its stead. Almost coincident with the passing of the old Closer Settlement Act private owners began cutting up their estates, and here is a list, with the acreage, of those which have passed from large estates into the hands of smaller holders. Some of them have been subdivided into what are still large holdings, and will bear further subdivision without being in any way spoiled; others have been cut up into farms:—

Burburgate, 47,000 acres.	Brocklesby, 5438.
Bannockburn, 19,000.	Nangus, 6156.
Quat Quatta, 24,000.	Bangaroo, 26,300.
Muttama, 20,000.	Buckingbong, 25,000.
Gloucester (3 subdivisions), 30,000.	Duntroon, 14,000.
Kyogle, 20,000.	Mount Horeb, 14,000.
Byron, 19,000.	Richlands, 10,000.
Mimosa, 48,000.	Walbundrie, 14,000.
Wooroowolgan, 34,000.	Yarrabundie, 23,800.
Cundle, 15,000.	Pylara, 18,000.
Ringwood, 28,000.	Cowcumbla, 29,450.
Burraja, 13,000.	Cowabee, 30,000.
Wimborne, 8156.	Rocky Creek and Currangandi, 20,440.
Bombowlee, 9600.	Willie Ploma, 3200.
Gerogery, 6500.	Killarney, 6000.
	Peel River, 30,895.

This makes a total of about 621,000 acres. All these estates were subdivided before the end of June last year, but since that time there has been a good deal of activity in the real estate market, especially as regards agricultural lands. The good seasons which blessed the State from 1903 to 1906 have put farmers in heart; they were before that time merely holding on, but now there is cash to spare for extension of holdings, or for setting up the sons on farms of their own, and land has been at a premium. During the time at least a score of estates have been subdivided or are in course of subdivision. The list is an interesting one, for it shows, among other things, that the subdivisions are taking place in the north, south, and west—practically all over the State. They are:—

Mount Cooper, Cooma district, 24,000 acres.
Ben Lomond, New England, 11,000.
Wellingrove, Glen Innes, 16,755.
Wyoming, Wagga, 14,000.
Durham Court, Manilla, 19,316.
Gunnee, Inverell, 31,000.
Eualdra, Grenfell, 8500.
Brundah, Grenfell, 16,000.
Cunningham Plains, Murrumburrah, 60,000.
Tenterfield, Tenterfield, 28,000.
Auburn Vale, Inverell, 21,000.
Arawatta, Inverell, 9000.
Menedebri, Tamworth, 17,200.
Hemsby, Cooma, 13,337.
Nanima, Eugowra, 9000.
Congi, Walcha, 5034.
Mann River, Glen Innes, 3306.
Denton Vale, Inverell, 2528.
Kent Park, Glen Innes, 1400.

Altogether, this tots up to a total of 320,000 acres. Then in addition there is still a complaint that there is not sufficient land open to meet the demand, notwithstanding that the North Coast lands are being taken into the market. The 320,000 acres will do something, but, like the loaves and fishes, what are they among so many people as require feeding?—people who cannot afford to pay the prices asked for lands in districts which have a name, and are therefore compelled to take all the disadvantages of the ballot system in the disposal of Crown lands. Notwithstanding that, to use round figures, a million of acres of private lands have been thrown open to farmers, the demand is still unsatisfied. People are flocking hither from other States, attracted by the superior quality of our lands, and they must be satisfied.

THE STATE'S ASSOUAN.

ON THE WAY TO BARREN JACK.

A TOUR OF INSPECTION.

DISTRICT ADVANCE.

PIONEER LIGHT RAILWAY.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.)

Barren Jack will be more than a word to the people of New South Wales before half a decade is over. It stands at present as the name of a mammoth water scheme, which is going to alter the geography, climate, and possibilities of a great section of country, but it will be far more than that. It will unquestionably become one of the finest tourist attractions of the Commonwealth, not merely because it will represent the greatest scheme of water conservation in the Southern Hemisphere, but also because it will be a marvellous piece of engineering work, which will be an object-lesson to engineers all over the world.

The Minister for Works (Mr. C. A. Lee), accompanied by Mr. L. A. B. Wade (Engineer-in-Chief for Water Conservation), Mr. E. M. de Burgh (Assistant Engineer), and others, paid a visit to Barren Jack on Tuesday, in order to note progress. They found on every hand evidences of astonishing progress, beginning at the station on the main southern line, at which they left the train. Goondah is the little station which is destined to become a great one in consequence of the giant reservoir some 28 miles distant from it. The station is to-day a scene of great activity. The Railway Commissioners have put in a siding to facilitate the transport of material to the Murrumbidgee gorge, and the visitor is at once struck by the little railway line which has been run out from Goondah, as much as by the immense stacks of short sleepers destined for use on the new baby line. If the visitor does not desire to get himself disliked he will refrain from referring to the infant line as a tramway or a trolly-way. It is a plain railway-line, over which run engines, trucks, hoppers, and a wonderful little open passenger truck.

The line has but a two-foot gauge, and it is the pioneer of the light lines which will ultimately open up New South Wales in a way that a standard gauge line could not do. As Mr. Lee remarks, "it is going to be an eye-opener," for it is not only going to convey the many thousands of tons of material needed to Barren Jack, but it will carry its thousands of paying tourists, who will be as surprised as they will be delighted at the novel experience of being whirled round curves of a chain and a half at an exhilarating speed.

Goondah is the headquarters of the trainline, and at it Mr. C. R. Cunningham, the engineer in charge of the line, has his headquarters. The stacks of sleepers are hardwood, some tallowwood, but this is more extensively used for house-construction than the softer and more easily worked timbers. The loco shed for the accommodation of the Krauss engines, the unloading shed, under which the trucks from the main line will discharge the multitudinous casks of cement that will be required at the dam, the tiny sidings, the points, the watering tank—all show the some serious business is going forward. There is nothing of the penny toy about the line, the locomotive, which whistles like an express engine, the hoppers, and all the rest of the equipment of the soon-to-be-celebrated Barren Jack two-foot-gauge railway line are not playthings, but substantial, useful aids to developing the country. The rails are laid by experienced gangs, the ballasting and packing is solid, the gradients are easy, but the curves are a wonder. Much difficulty is experienced in getting water for the engines at Goondah—the rainfall, which so materially benefited the rest of the State, having unkindly passed the whole district over with but the slightest blessing.

The little Krauss engines abominate muddy water. It fouls their mechanism, and a drastic process, not unknown in family circles, has to be resorted to, in order to make the boilers perform their duty with such unpalatable material. A few packets of common Epsom salts—medical men write the nauseous salts down in undecipherable caligraphy as "Mag. sulph."—are the correcting medium, and these having been dissolved in the water, the latter clears, and becomes acceptable to the engines, upon which so much depend. The beauty of these 11-ton engines is that one man can stoke and drive them. Two may be fitted together back to back, with portions of the cabs removed, and, as each can draw on the line at a rate of 12 to 15 miles an hour on a 1 in 30 gradient, about 40 tons, the load they can together handle is about double that weight. By removing portions of the cabs, one man can stoke the two engines. Two Krauss engines are now employed doing satisfactory work, and two more are in course of construction.

WONDERFUL RAILROAD.

But the railroad track is the thing. It took the surveyors and engineers a long time to find a suitable course for it, but they found it, and it is nearly completed. The first 15 miles of the permanent way presented no difficulties, beyond those of ballast, but ballast has been located at two places along the route, and spur lines enable it to be rushed out to the point of advance. The flooring—so to speak—of the line has been cut long ago, along nearly the whole route, and sleepers and rails are already in position for about 16 miles, but the ballast has only been put in over nine miles, and that distance represents the present limit to which passengers may proceed along it. At the terminus, a point on the main southern road to Melbourne, some novel railway notices have been put up. "Stop, Look, and Listen," are the words of warning on two of them, and the others merely advise travellers and rash motorists to "Beware of Trains." The engines have received quaint names, and the two under construction are to be named after Mr. Cunningham's twins—when these little mortals are baptised. When the rough country leading to the valley of the Murrumbidgee is reached, the difficulties of permanent-way-making are seen to be substantially increased. Tracks along the sides of steep mountains have been made, and are still being made, 400 men being hard at work altogether. Open woodwork culverts, which will unquestionably stand all the weight likely to be superimposed on them for some years to come, but at which conservative builders of standard gauge lines would hold up their hands in horror, have been put in, awkward gaps have been filled in with huge masses of trap-rock torn from the adjacent mountain sides, and trestle bridges have been avoided. Solidity and safety have been the two watchwords of the constructors throughout the whole line, and the grade in the worst of the mountains is kept at 1 in 30. The total cost of the line is to be £50,000, which includes the rolling stock and permanent way, but as the line will be a revenue-producing one directly it is completed, the initial cost will be greatly reduced.

A LESSON FROM CATARACT.

As Dooley says, "The great thing is the shtart," and the engineers have had the experiences of the construction work at Cataract to guide them in their new and tremendous undertaking. At Cataract the heavy machinery, cement, and all the rest of the material was drawn to the site by means of traction engines and teams. These cut up the roads so badly, that large sums of money had to be expended in maintenance, and the slow method of getting the stuff to the dam was a serious obstacle to rapid progress. Teams have already done their share in hauling material to Barren Jack, but at what a cost! Every ton has cost the Works Department 32s by the teams, while the railroad will take everything required at a cost of less than 5s per ton at a much more rapid rate. The start, therefore, is certainly the great thing. Before the end of the year everything will be plain sailing, and the primary cost being over, the line will begin to turn in money to the Treasury from passengers and goods conveyed along it. So much for the pioneer two-foot gauge spur line of New South Wales, similar lines to which, by the way, Mr. Lee considers should be run out into the rich coastal country of the Dorrigo and the Comboyne. As a final word about the line itself, it should be added that it can be laid at the rate of about half a mile a day, exclusive of ballasting, the engines and trucks assisting in the push onward.

FIRST TRAVELLERS ON TWO-FOOT GAUGE LINE.

Mr. Lee and his fellow-passengers were the first to travel on an up-to-date permanent two-foot gauge railway line in a passenger truck. The truck was a comfortable and roomy one, holding four seats, each of which accommodated four or five people. These will ultimately be replaced by modern cars, adapted to the road. One had to climb into the truck by means of a ladder. It was painful to note the many-horsed waggons dragging great 50lb to the yard steel rails along the rugged road to Barren Jack, the ends of the rails projecting over the heads of the polers and trailing on the ground, behind the waggons, but this scene will soon be one of the past. At Mr. B. H. Shaw's engineering camp, about 20 miles from Goondah, the party struck the first water on the dry track. All the way the parched and browned condition of this usually green country was saddening to look upon, and the appearance of De Burgh's Lake was an

come as an oasis in the desert. By means of a small dam across the bed of Carroll's Creek, which is at present almost dry, the water has been backed up into a fine stretch over 100 yards long. This lake is only to be used for watering the locomotives, but it has been well made, the curved dam wall preserving its convex side to the thrust of the water, which sometimes becomes torrential in character. Thence onward to Barren Jack the journey had to be done on foot over the new-made track for the rails—about six miles. The country is wild and picturesque, and the views obtained from the new line were magnificent. Down below amongst the eucalypts the bed of Carroll's Creek was seen, and presently gangs of men were found widening and constructing the last few chains of the road along which the engines and trucks will travel. The track reminds one irresistibly of those extending from the heights above Jenolan and Yarrangobilly Caves to the caves' houses, with this difference, that it is wider, and two vehicles can easily pass each other. Mr. Wade explained that the road would narrow a little as the looser material settled or slipped into the valley, but the solid track itself will even then be wider in most places than those mentioned.

MAGNIFICENT PANORAMAS.

In the series of magnificent panoramas obtained along the line, the best is that which almost bursts upon the traveller at Hornet Point. This point of vantage is so-named because one of the navvies working there at the beginning, about six months ago, swung his pick into a dead log in which a colony of hornets had made their dwelling. The remarks of the new-chum Irish navvy when the hornets thrust their red-hot needles into his anatomy, and the alacrity with which he dropped his pick, and fled to safer quarters were a standing joke amongst his companions for a long time. It was his first experience with Australian hornets, and his explanation in cooler moments afterwards that "they stung like bees" was greeted with derisive laughter by those who were born in the same country as the hornets. The view from this point, of portion of the Murrumbidgee Valley, with its willow-fringed stream and cultivated areas, is equal to anything in the far-famed Blue Mountains.

UNDER WHICH ACT?

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

At the Wollongong Police Court to-day, two sailors, Jansen and Sorensen, both Danes, were charged, on the information of Captain Dermody, master of the steamer Kirkfield, now coaling at Port Kembla, with continued disobedience of lawful commands between Albany and Port Kembla, between January 25 and February 3. Mr. Lysaght appeared for the defendants, and asked that they be informed under what Act and section they were charged.

Mr. Cox appeared for the captain, and stated the prosecution was under the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act of 1854. This was noted on the information. Whereupon Mr. Lysaght asked for the dismissal of the charge, as that Act had long since been repealed.

After argument, Mr. Cox stated that the men were charged under the Imperial Act of 1894.

Mr. Lysaght then cited the New South Wales Seamen's Act of 1898, and contended that such Act superseded the Imperial Act, and that the men were entitled to be tried under the law of New South Wales. A copy of the Imperial Act not being to hand, the police magistrate adjourned the case, the defendants being liberated on bail.

MR. LEE ON TOUR.

VISIT TO BARREN JACK.

NARRANDERA, Thursday.

The Minister for Works, after a day and a half's inspection of the progress of the work on the narrow-gauge line and that from Goondah to Barren Jack, and of the accomplishments at Barren Jack itself, journeyed to Nanco to inspect the irrigation canals now being constructed in a portion of the vast area, to be treated by water from the great artificial lake. The district throughout was found to be dry and parched, and it is apparent that the general rainfall, which so recently benefited the major portion of the State, absolutely missed a great part of the rich Murrumbidgee Valley.

At Goondah the expense of constructional work on the pioneer narrow-gauge line has been greatly added to by shortage of water. At present, water supplies are being carried by train to Goondah. There is no fear of shortage at Barren Jack itself, where a complete water reticulation system has been installed for the benefit of the town and works. Water is pumped from the river to a reservoir, and, owing to its muddy condition from rain higher up the watershed, it is filtered through charcoal before reaching the houses.

Mr. Lee is greatly pleased with the work done, but has not ceased to urge everyone to greater exertions, as he is sanguine that once the railway to Barren Jack is completed much revenue will be earned by it from tourist and goods traffic. After an inspection of Yanco, Grong Grong, and Narrandera country, Mr. Lee will leave on Saturday afternoon for Sydney.

CASUALTIES.

KNOCKED DOWN BY A TRAM.

Mary O'Donnell, 79, residing in Wyndham-street, Alexandria, yesterday attempted to cross George-street, between the Post Office and Hunter-street, when she was knocked down by a tram proceeding towards the railway station. The Civil Ambulance conveyed her to Sydney Hospital, where she was admitted suffering from injuries to the head.

FOUND DROWNED.

BRICKS IN COAT POCKETS.

A fisherman at Vaucluse Bay, named Peter Newton, yesterday saw the body of a man floating in the bay. The Water Police were communicated with, and Sergeant Wallace proceeded to the spot in the launch, secured the corpse, and conveyed it to the morgue. The body had been in the water about five days, and decomposition had set in. Two bricks were found in the coat pockets. It was identified as that of George Edward Hunt, a jeweller of North Sydney, who had been missing several days.

ACCIDENTS AT HELENSBURGH.

The Civil Ambulance met the 6.5 train from Helensburgh, at the Central Railway Station last evening, and conveyed two casualty cases to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

John Hall, 49, a miner, residing at Newtown was jammed between a skip and a post in the Metropolitan mines and sustained a fracture of the pelvis.

Frederick Short, 15, fell off a cart he was driving, and fractured his right thigh.

DEATH UNDER AN ANESTHETIC.

ALBURY, Thursday.

This morning Mr. Harry King, a traveller for C. L. Griffith and Co., who had been suffering from abscess on the jaw, whilst being placed under chloroform for an operation collapsed, and died.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

William O'Connell, a married man, had his nose broken and face badly cut at the Central mine last night. The handle of a windlass ran away, and hit him in the face. A cap of ore rushed down the winse, and O'Connell's mate at the bottom had a narrow escape from serious injury.

BALMAIN FINANCES.

A SUCCESSFUL MAYORALTY.

After three years of service as Mayor of Balmain, Alderman M. H. Cohen declined renomination at a special meeting of the council last night. Alderman Cohen submitted a minute, the principal features of which are as follow:—

"The overdraft at the beginning of the year 1907 was £579 10s 1d, and on February 4, 1908, at the close of the half-yearly accounts I finished with a credit balance of £1560 8s, making a difference in favour of the council during the municipal year just ended of £2139 18s 1d. As a result of the whole of my three years' term of office, the council's financial position has been bettered to the extent of £2200, which has all been practically the outcome of systematic efforts to collect outstanding rates during the year just ended. The municipal year 1907-8 has a record of which every alderman and ratepayer should feel proud, inasmuch as the revenue from all sources has reached £19,002, the highest for many years. The levy of municipal and lighting rates for the year just ended was £14,252 15s 4d. I have received an amount in excess of this to the extent of £2168 1s, or a total from this source, as shown above, of £16,420 16s 4d. The amount of arrears brought forward when the new ratepapers were issued was £3776 14s 6d. This amount has been reduced by £2898, leaving a balance of old arrears yet outstanding of £878 14s 6d, and which, added to £729 19s of uncollected current rates, makes a total outstanding at the close of the year of £1608 13s 6d.

"Great efforts have been put forth to even still further reduce this amount, but the officers have been severely handicapped through not being able to find the addresses of a large number of owners of vacant lands on which the greater portion of this amount of outstanding arrears is owing. This is the smallest amount outstanding at the close of the financial year for a considerable number of years, and absolutely the smallest within my municipal experience."

NEWCASTLE "CREEPS."

ROYAL COMMISSION INQUIRY.

THE SEA PIT WORKINGS.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The Royal Commission appointed by the Premier to inquire into and report on the "creeps" which have occurred in the city on three occasions since the beginning of 1906 sat at the Newcastle Council-chambers this morning.

Mr. D. A. W. Robertson is president, and Mr. Arthur H. James and Mr. John Sulman members of the commission. The latter gentleman was absent at today's sitting.

Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Mr. W. Sparke, appeared for the Australian Agricultural Company.

Mr. Uther, of the Crown Law Office, appeared on behalf of the Department of Mines. Mr. H. V. Harris appeared for the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce and several residents. Mr. J. A. Wood, Mr. J. Windeyer, and Mr. W. H. Baker announced that they were watching the interests of a number of residents. There were also present Mr. Harle, manager of Hebburn colliery, and Mr. R. Thomas, manager of Sea Pit colliery.

The hearing of evidence was then entered upon.

Mr. A. A. Atkinson, Chief Inspector of Coal-mines, stated that during his term of office, extending over ten years, he had made frequent examinations of the A. A. Company's Sea Pit mine. He tendered some plans, showing workings of that pit. In the absence of vertical plans, he quoted from Professor David's report of a section of the sea cliff, looking south towards the Bogey Hole, where the cliff is about 220ft high. He placed the top seam as Burwood. Below that was what he described as "Nobbys" seam the third the top of the "Dirty" seam and the bottom of the "Dirty" seam. The "Yard" seam was at that point just below sea level, and 170ft below that came the Borehole seam. There was nothing worked in the district below the Borehole seam. If the intention was not to remove any of the pillars, eventually it might be deemed advisable to make the pillars just as large as was thought to be consistent with safety, having regard to maintaining the surface. In that case the pillars would probably be made smaller than if it were intended eventually to remove them. The depth and thickness of seam and character of overlying strata, and of the seam itself, to resist pressure, were factors to be considered. If there were higher workings, that would be a factor. The pillars had been made much the same in the pit, and no allowance was made for high ground. The main roads were driven in the middle of the seam. The north-east narrow bord, although lying between two "creeps," had sustained no damage. It may have been because it was in the main road that the coal was left. The main road pillars were the same size as others. At great, or even moderate, depths, it was advisable to leave strong pillars. A large pillar was left under the Anglican Cathedral.

The President: Do you know why this was done?

Mr. Atkinson: I believe there were some negotiations between the cathedral trustees and the company. It may be that it was arranged in this way.

The President: In spite of the Cathedral being supported by a substantial pillar it seems to have suffered more severely than other buildings. Can you suggest the reason?

Mr. Atkinson: "It appears to have been on the boundary of two 'creeps,' and was hit by both of them. The configuration of the surface had also something to do with it." Continuing, he said the movement of subsidence was one horizontal for three vertical. The main crosscut and Wilson's headings had been affected, the former especially. They had been sealed off from the other workings because of suspected fire. The reason why that particular area was affected was because it had the thickest superincumbent strata overlying the seam.

The President: "What conclusion do you draw from the fact that the creep has been confined practically to the high ground?"

Mr. Atkinson: Well, because the pillars were not strong enough to hold the superincumbent strata. Prior to May 15, 1906, there had been no disturbance on the surface. Two areas were sealed off after the first creep to prevent fire. Then Reid's district was closed up because the temperature became high, and it was now inaccessible. When visiting the workings after the second creep water was noticed when they got near the cathedral section. He could not recommend any practical measures whereby the abandoned workings could be supported. They were inaccessible on account of fire and water. On that account all remedial measures were out of the question. There was no active fire; it was a sort of incomplete combustion. If the air were allowed to reach it there might be danger from fire. In America and Germany sand-packing was used when it was desired to take all the coal out and to secure immunity from fire. That process was expensive, putting sixpence a ton on to the cost of working the pillars. The experience of other countries was that it only diminished the risk of damage to the surface. There had been no subsidence on the surface greater than from 6 to 9 inches. It would be a national gain if the coal in the pillars—practically half of the coal—could be removed with reasonable security to the city. Some of the pits near Newcastle were getting worked out. When the colliery was abandoned and the workings filled with water it would have much greater resistance than at present. The owners of the property would be put to some expense because of the damage, but in no case he knew of would the buildings have to be reconstructed.

At this stage Mr. Uther tendered Mr. Atkinson three reports dealing with the creeps.

Mr. Campbell said the Government had worked the upper seams from 1800 to 1832 when the A.A. Company secured the leases.

Questioned by Mr. Harris, Mr. Atkinson said about 18 acres of pillars were left in the workings in one area. The extraction of five pillars was still going on. After a certain area of pillars had been taken out the overlying strata and adjoining strata would be weakened. If the strata were broken between the seam where the coal was being worked and the surface the water would probably escape. A small portion of the workings had been surveyed by Government officers, but they depended largely on the company's plans. Some air was reaching the sealed-up workings, for it was impossible to hermetically seal places underground. If they flooded the mine it would put the fire out.

To Mr. Campbell: There were no records of the upper places from 1800 to 1830, when they were worked by the Government, as there was then no Mines Department. There were no indications underground that the adjoining strata was weakened by the withdrawal of pillars. At the time of the creep he never at any time saw any evidence of water going from the upper to the lower workings. He believed that the Government did not at one time work the upper seams, and these old workings were in the hands of the military authorities. The shafts near the markets were about 70ft deep. Both the Yard and Dirty seams were then worked. He believed these were the only seams worked, being most accessible.

Mr. Campbell: There was only a slight fall of coal and stone from the roof. Can you as an expert deny that the falls might have been the result of concussion caused by the fall in the upper workings?

Mr. Atkinson: It is very unlikely. I think the collapse of pillars has been the initial cause of the damage to the surface.

Mr. Campbell: Why should a disturbance in the Borehole be the initial cause and not the trouble in the upper seam?—It is quite possible that there was some movement in the upper seam.

Mr. Atkinson admitted that after these old workings were abandoned for 70 years the timber might become rotten and collapse. The pillars left there were very small. The withdrawal of water would probably be followed by a collapse of the roof. The pillars left in the Borehole were stouter than in the majority of mines. He did not know of another instance of 60 per cent. of coal being left in a mine. The whole question was complicated by the upper seam.

To the President: If there had been no upper workings the slight movement he believed had taken place would not have extended to the surface.

To Mr. James: There were indications that the upper workings contained water.

Mr. W. Humble, Senior Inspector of Mines, said he had constantly inspected the workings under the creep area of late and had submitted reports to the department. In Wilson's heading he found a considerable squeezing had taken place about July 1, 1906, also just before the first creep. The pillars were 12 yards and bords 6 yards. Up to that time he believed the pillars were strong enough, but that opinion he had since modified. They were decidedly in advance of others in the district. If the pillars had been sufficiently strong trouble would not have arisen. In some place the seam was soft, and its weight resting on timber was likely to break it. At one point they found water in the Bore Hole, but it came directly from the sea. There were no indications of water going from the uper workings to Bore Hole. He did not thing the creep in Bore Hole could have been caused by a fall of pillars in the Yard Seam. The continual falls would have filled the cavity and have prevented any concussion sufficiently great to have affected the under workings.

The Court was adjourned at 4 o'clock until to-morrow morning.

THE TARIFF.

SENATE AT WORK.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Six and a half items of the tariff were passed by the Senate to-night. There was a long debate in the afternoon, during which no progress was made, but in the evening several divisions took place. Senator Best, the Minister in charge, showed signs of restiveness, and a late sitting was threatened, but he gave way at half-past 11 to the requests of his supporters to be allowed to catch their trains.

The Senate has a high sense of its importance, and the members jealously guard their rights and privileges—at least some of them do. While military manouvres were in progress up at Heidelberg, Victoria, a week or so ago, a wheel came off a transport waggon. A long report was presented to the Minister for Defence about it. That report was published in the Melbourne newspapers, and also laid on the table in the Senate. The printing committee of the Senate looked it over, and decided that there was no necessity to waste money on it. A senator to-day, however, thought it a matter of importance that the military commandant's explanation should be placed among the archives of Australia, and much time was spent in debating whether it should or should not be sent along to the printer. As one senator said, "if the other wheel had come off that waggon the adjournment of the House would probably have been moved, for matters of this sort are apt to stir the Senate very strongly."

A division was demanded, and the majority decided that the report should not be put in type.

A debate on similar lines then took place as to the desirability or otherwise of printing one of the Papuan Legislative Council's ordinances, and finally, after the loss of an hour and 10 minutes, the Senate got to work on the tariff.

Bananas, 1s per cental, blocked the way for some hours. The debate in the House of Representatives was repeated. The banana trade was thoroughly sifted and analysed—production, consumption, Fiji bananas versus Queensland bananas, Chinese growers against white growers. There was a proposal to request the House of Representatives to make the fruit free, and another for a duty of 6d, but both were rejected. It was then intimated by Senator Findley, of Victoria, that he had intended to propose 1s 6d, but as there was no likelihood of his being able to carry it he did not persist, and the committee went on to the next subject.

The item "Vegetables, n.e.i.," at 2s per cental, remains unaltered, a proposal for 1s by Senator Sayers, of Queensland, being negatived. The next, "Vegetables, dried, dry salted, concentrated," etc., furnished an illustration of what a portion of the Senate's work will be. A punctuation mark had been omitted by the printer, and the Minister for Home Affairs solemnly moved that the House of Representatives should be requested to insert a comma after word "concentrated."

Dried herbs, other than medicinal, were taken from under the 20 per cent. duty, and a request will go forward that the rate should be 4d per lb.

Onions and potatoes, 1s per cwt., were attacked, but the proposals to put them on the free list was lost by large majorities.

Senator Symon moved for the request that maize grown by British settlers in the New Hebrides should be free. He read an extract from a despatch by the High Commissioner in the Western Pacific, pointing out that for the moment the most important production in the interests of British settlers in the New Hebrides was maize, which was a catch crop. Senator Symon urged that a hand should be stretched out with a concession, which would put the settlers on equal terms with the French, who were able to send their maize to New Caledonia unhampered by duty. The Vice-President of the Executive Council, however, was against any alteration, holding that any such special preference should form a subject of special measure. Further, he said that the Comonwealth was encouraging the production of maize in the New Hebrides by means of a vote of Parliament of £500 last year. Senator Clemons asked for the logic of a bonus for the encouragement of maize growing in the New Hebrides and duty at the same time to exclude it. All that the Commonwealth was asked to sacrifice was a revenue of £832.

Senator Millen said the figures worked out that the British settlers were given a bonus of 2s 8d per cental when they sent their maize to Australia. After giving them that bonus a Customs officer was sent to collect 1s 6d per cental. That left a bonus clear of 1s 2d per cental, and if Australia was subsidising New Hebrides growers to that extent, grown, too, as maize was, by coloured labour, she was doing as much as she should be asked to do.

No division was taken on the proposal, which was thrown out. Duties on grain and pulse, unmanufactured, and on bran, pollard, sharps, and wheaten flour, were agreed to. The debate was then started on cornflour, which had not concluded when progress was reported.

THE RABBIT INDUSTRY.

GOOD TRAPPING AT BLAYNEY.

NEARLY 80 TONS A DAY.

BLAYNEY, Thursday.

Since the rain there have been phenomenal receipts of rabbits at the Blayney Freezing Works. No less than 7000 pairs of locally-trapped animals were delivered at these works yesterday, and despatched for shipment today in six large refrigerating cars, approximating nearly 80 tons.

THE RABBITERS' STRIKE.

WAGES EARNED BY THE MEN.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

Good business was done in rabbits by the local butter factory up to the recent strike, 1300 pairs being received daily. Of these 1200 pairs were packed and passed for export £130 per week was paid to suppliers, the average price being 4½d per pair. No rabbits are being brought in at present.

The London market quotations for rabbits are now lower than for years. The ruling Sydney figures are 8s 10d per case of firsts. Buying on this basis, the price for firsts at the factory should be 4d per pair to show any profit, but in the interests of the trappers the local works decided to pay 4½d. According to the company's books many trappers have been making up to £6 a week, the average earnings of a man being £3 a week. Rabbits are numerous, and will now breed rapidly.

AN INVOLUNTARY BATH.

FISH PULLS A MAN INTO THE WATER.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A fisherman named George Rex had an exciting experience at Seymour early in the week. He was fishing from the river bank, when he hooked a large fish. The fish was so strong that it pulled Rex into the river. As he had the line around his body he had to cut it to free himself. He was in danger of drowning, as he could not swim. This morning Rex succeeded in landing the fish, his hook and line being still attached to it. The fish weighed 55lb.

THE EASTER CAMPS.

WATER SUPPLY FOR THE TROOPS.

ROBBING LOCAL RESIDENTS.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

The Moorbank and Holdsworthy Ratepayers' and Progress Association has drawn the attention of the Liverpool council to a proposal of the military authorities to hold the next Easter encampment on the reserve at Clinch's Pond, Moorbank, from which pond it is intended to draw the water supply for the troops.

The association has expressed the opinion that, in view of the late dry weather conditions and the large quantity of water required for military purposes, the residents may be deprived of their only available supply, hence the association suggested that the council should make representations to the proper authorities of that danger, so that inconvenience and possible unpleasantness may be avoided, especially as the council had recently given an undertaking to the Lands Department to conserve the water rights of the residents. The council has decided to consider the matter at its next meeting.

A SHIRE ELECTION INCIDENT.

INFORMAL VOTING.

MACKSVILLE, Thursday.

In connection with the Bellingen Shire Council elections, an extraordinary incident was revealed at the declaration of the poll by the returning officer, Mr. Burton, to-day, causing great excitement. The count on election day gave the B riding voting:—Lane 176, Arnold 147, Moseley 176, Ainsworth 16; but on examination of the ballot papers 75 were found informal, resulting in Arnold defeating Lane by 10. Moseley was unaffected. The informality was due to the non-initialling of papers by a presiding officer, although explicit instructions were given by the returning officer. Throughout the shire there were 307 informal, but the position of candidates in A and C ridings is not affected.

VICTORIA.

FINED FOR HAVING GOLD QUARTZ.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Another Chinese was convicted by the Bendigo Bench to-day on a charge of having been found in possession of gold quartz specimens (containing gold), amalgam, etc., suspected of having been stolen, or otherwise unlawfully obtained. A fine of £10, with £10 10s costs, in default one month's imprisonment, was imposed.

ALLEGED NEGLIGENT MOTOR DRIVING.

On October 17 last a boy named Oscar Gower Tucker was knocked down and killed by a motor car in Fitzroy. The car was owned by Mr. John M'Neil, of Brisbane. A writ has been issued on behalf of the father of the boy, claiming £700 damages in connection with the death of his son, which he alleges was brought about by the negligent driving of defendant or his servants.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE PREMIERS' CONFERENCE.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Acting Premier, Mr. A. A. Kirkpatrick, has agreed to Mr. Wade's proposal for a conference of Premiers in Sydney on April 6.

IMPROVEMENT IN POPULATION.

For the year 1907, there was an increase in the population of South Australia proper of 12,186, which is the best addition in any year since 1881. There was a fair improvement in births, both as regards number and rate, while the death rate was the lowest yet recorded for the State. Marriages for the year outnumbered those of any other year on record.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The revised revenue returns for the December quarter were issued to-day, and show that the receipts for three months ended December 31 were £880,425, against £702,143 for the corresponding quarter of last year. The total for the first six months of the financial year amounted to £1,670,275, an increase of £356,411 on the first six months of the previous year. The Treasurer estimated his income for the year at £3,095,327, and the amounts alread paid with the Treasury reach a total of £1,2,612, more than one-half of the expected income. The expenditure for the December quarter amounted to £726,840, an increase of £38,116, and for the six months it was £82,885 in excess of amount spent in the first half of the preceding financial year. The total is £116,118 less than half of the year's estimated expenditure.

NEW ZEALAND.

VITAL STATISTICS.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The birth rate in New Zealand last year was 27.31 per 1000 of the population. The death rate was 10.95. The marriage rate was 8.89. The figures for 1906 were:—Birth rate, 27.08; death rate, 9.31; marriage, 8.48.

A FATAL SCUFFLE.

James Sheridan, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of one John M'Nally, was found not guilty.

The death of M'Anally took place on January 3, at Wellington. M'Anally was in the company of another man, who said he was taking his companion away from other men, so as they would not get his money. Both sat down on a vacant section after the squabble. M'Anally struck the other man, James Sheridan, who followed and struck M'Anally. The latter fell on his face to the ground, and quickly expired.

AUSTRALIAN GRAPES.

A portion of the grapes by the Moeraki were sold at auction, and brought from 6d to 8d.

THE LATE EDWARD TERRY'S ESTATE.

VALUE £119,768 14s 2d.

Probate has been granted of the will of the late Edward Terry, ex-M.L.A., of Eastwood, near Ryde. He died on November 18 last, and by his will, which is dated May 11, 1899, deceased appointed Reginald Campbell Galbraith, wine and spirit merchant, and Lewis Alexander Johnstone, accountant, both of Sydney, executors and trustees of his estate. Testator leaves the whole of his real and personal estate to his trustees upon trust, with power to dispose of such parts of the estate as are saleable, and to manage the estate during the interim. To his widow he leaves an income of £600 a year for life, and after her death the capital and income are to be held in trust for the children in equal shares. The sons are to receive their shares upon attaining their majority, and the daughters receive the income derived from their shares during their lives, with remainder of capital and income to their children in equal shares. If the testator's widow decided to leave Eastwood, the trustees were empowered to pay her £300 additional annuity for rent of a suitable residence for herself and such of the unmarried children as lived with her. Deceased also provided that none of his sons should have power to sell or mortgage his income or shares until he had attained the age of 25 years. £62,317 10s represented real estate, and £45,449 14s shares in various public companies.

VICAR AND CURATE.

Keen feeling is still displayed in the parish of St. Columb's, Hawthorn, regarding the action of the vicar, the Rev. H. F. Mercer, in asking the curate, Rev. E. Walker, and Mr. E. L. Neil to sever their connection with the church. Every effort has been made by the latter's empathisers (says the "Age") to induce the vicar to reconsider his determination to dispense with the services of Mr. Neil as organist and choir master. It is stated that a number of members of the present choir will tender their resignations if Mr. Neil is not retained. On the other hand, it is said that a large number of volunteers are ready to take their place should the choir adopt such an extreme course. Influential members of the church, however, are desirous that the strife in the parish should cease, as progress and good work are out of the question while the congregation is divided into two hostile camps.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT WOOLLAHRA.

Word was received at the Paddington Police Station last night that there had been some shooting in Spicer-street, Woollahra.

Constables O'Reilly and Ferguson hastened to the place, and found that a man named Charles Louis Campbell, aged 37, had shot himself in the head with a six-chambered revolver at about 7 o'clock. It appears that he had been drinking, and had had a difference with his wife the night before. Campbell was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital, where, at a late hour last night, he was conscious, but his condition was regarded as serious.

IMMIGRATION AND DEFENCE.

In the absence of Dr. Arthur, M.L.A., through indisposition, Mr. J. H. King, of the Immigration League of Australasia, delivered a lecture on the above at Crow's Nest on Wednesday evening last, under the auspices of the Crow's Nest Library and Debating Society. There was a large muster of members, and Mr. G. Naish (president) presided. The lecturer dwelt at length upon the matter of defence and upon immigration generally, and spoke of the propaganda work that his league through its president was doing. Several members of the society spoke on the question, and an interesting debate took place, after which the lecturer replied. A vote of thanks was carried to Mr. King.

The league intends inaugurating a series of lectures throughout the city and suburbs, in order to awaken enthusiasm and interest in immigration.

CITY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

The association representing the property-owners, ratepayers, and shopkeepers of Sydney held a special meeting at the Royal Hotel, George-street, last night. Mr. Neville Montagu presided. With regard to city signs, about which there has been so much friction with the City Council, it was decided to call special meetings in each of the wards. Subcommittees will be appointed to deal with matters affecting the interests of the ratepayers.

A resolution was carried protesting against the City Council interfering in matters outside its sphere, such as free dispensaries. The association is now a strong body, nearly 1500 members having been enrolled, and monetary support is coming in freely. Mr. H. M. Durand, hon. secretary, and energetic committees are working hard in the interests of the association.

NEWCASTLE.

NEW MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE.

ALDERMAN COOK UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The election of Mayor for the city of Newcastle for the ensuing municipal year took place at the Newcastle Council-chambers tonight. The Mayor of Newcastle (Alderman A. James) presided. On the motion of Alderman Moroney it was decided to conduct the election by open voting. There was no need for that however, as the election was unanimous. Alderman Moroney nominated Alderman Andrew Cook, one of the representatives of Macquarie Ward, as Mayor. Alderman Levey seconded the nomination. As no other nominations were received the Mayor announced that Alderman Cook was duly elected.

The Mayor-elect (Alderman Cook), in thanking his fellow-aldermen for their unanimous vote, said it would be his earnest desire to capably fill the honourable position. He was congratulated by his colleagues on his election to office.

Subsequently the Mayor-elect entertained his fellow-aldermen and a large number of citizens at the Grand Hotel.

COAL AND OTHER EXPORTS.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs-house to-day:—Karori, s, for Strahan, via Kembla, with 160 tons bunkers; Boliviana, s, for Valparaiso, via Sydney, with 2500 tons bunkers; New Guinea, s, for Melbourne, with 3400 tons coal; Biagio O, sh, for Tal Tal, with 3008 tons coal; Marama, s, for Wellington, via Sydney, with 2100 tons bunkers, Nardoo, s, for Adelaide, with 4800 tons coal; Rakanoa, s, for Bluff (N.Z.), with 3000 tons coal, 350 ingots copper, and 225 bags coke; Crown of England, sh, for Chanaral, with 2795 tons coal.

COMMERCIAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA, LIMITED.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The thirtieth half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Commercial Bank of Australia, Limited, was held to-day. Mr. W. H. Embling, M.L.C., presided. The statement of profit and loss for the half-year ended December 31 showed that the nett profits amounted to £78,537, to which was added the amount brought forward, £8488, making a total of £87,025. This it was proposed to apportion as follows:—To dividend on preference shares at 3 per cent. per annum, free of Victorian income tax, £31,700; to transfer in Special Assets Trust Company, Limited, £26,850; to transfer to special assets trust reserve, £20,000; to carry forward to next half-year, £8406.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, the chairman said that during the year the advances have undergone a reduction to the extent of £183,003. Having regard to the agricultural and pastoral outlook in several of the States, the result of which in the early part of the half-year appeared somewhat uncertain, and in view of the American financial crisis, the directors considered it advisable to exercise a cautious policy and not actively seek new advance business, and it was satisfactory to know that the surplus funds had been utilised at remunerative rates in other directions. The profits showed a healthy growth year by year, which, with fair average seasons, the directors had every reason to expect would continue. The realisation of securities held by the Special Assets Trust Company has been progressing satisfactorily, and steady progress had been made in reducing its obligations. The total receipts extinguished during the past two years amounted to £464,720. It was the intention of the board to continue the systematic retirement of these deposits, in order that the whole amount might be extinguished before their maturity. While there were factors which rendered caution desirable, the financial position in Australia was on the whole, perfectly sound and healthy.

FRUIT REGULATION CONFERENCE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Swinburne, has received a telegram from the Minister for Agriculture in New South Wales, stating that he will be pleased to arrange a conference to discuss the fruit regulations, which should be enforced between the two States, any time after next week. A reply was sent to-day by Mr. Swinburne, who said he would welcome the conference, to take place in Sydney on February 22 or 24, whichever date was more suitable.

SMALLPOX ON THE EMPIRE.

THURSDAY ISLAND, Thursday.

The E. and A. Co.'s mail steamer Empire, from Japan and China, bound to Sydney, arrived off this port this morning, and reported that smallpox had broken out on board, one death occurring four days ago. She proceeds south in quarantine.

Five Japanese were landed at the quarantine station from the Japanese mail steamer Nikko Maru yesterday.

SCHOOL OF ARTS EXAMINATIONS.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

Mr. J. A. Hogue, the Minister of Public Instruction, at the invitation of the committee of the School of Arts, paid a visit to Maitland this afternoon for the purpose of presenting the certificates of scholarship to the successful candidates. Mr. Hogue was received at the railway station by the Mayor and members of the committee, and taken round the district for a drive. He was entertained at dinner at the Royal Hotel. In the evening he presented certificates at the School of Arts in the presence of a large gathering. These scholarships were awarded to the best boys and girls in the various local public and denominational schools in the district as the result of an annual examination, and entitle the holders to two years' free membership of the School of Arts. The successful pupils were:—

Girls' High School: Misses Constance Herbert, Hazel Griffin. Dominican Convent: Misses Josephine White, Adeline Ward. St. John's Boys' School: Masters Reginald Marr, Leo. Dolaheuty. West Maitland Superior Public School: Misses Muriel Brown, Elma Seward, Ivy Connolly, Masters Lewis Audet, Richard Kennewell, Fred Pierce. High School, East Maitland: Masters Jas. Hutton Proctor, Harry Kerrigan, Alfred Roy Taylor. Oakhampton Public School: Miss Veronica Kautor, Master Walter M'Donald. Mr. Cotterill's private school: Miss Vera Pritchard, Master Frank Giles. St. Ethel's Public School: Miss Louie Filmer, Master Randolph. Agnew Public School, Gillieston: Miss Daisy Bates, Master Walter Wilkinson.

IRRIGATION IN WINDSOR DISTRICT

WINDSOR, Thursday.

The report on the Burrahew Creek scheme having proved unsatisfactory, the Hawkesbury Water Conservation League asked, through Mr. Brinsley Hall, M.L.A., for an investigation of the Grose River with a view to conserving water for domestic supplies to Windsor, Richmond, and the Agricultural College, and also for irrigation, and have received the following reply from the Public Works Department:—"Some time ago the Minister approved of an investigation being put in hand to determine what water power could be made available from the rivers flowing on the eastern side of the Blue Mountains. An officer left Sydney for the purpose of taking up this investigation, and he has been instructed to deal first with the Colo River, to be followed in order by the Grose and Warragamba. This investigation will, at the same time, disclose what facilities there are for the storage of water for irrigation purposes, as well as for the development of power. If it is found that supplies of water are available at a sufficient elevation, then the further question of the location of the channels can be gone into."

SAWMILL STRIKE.

A meeting of the casual men on strike was held in Wentworth Park yesterday morning, and a considerable amount of discussion took place, but as nothing had been heard from the employers no definite action was decided upon. There does not seem to be any prospect of an immediate settlement, although among the men it is believed that their demands will be ultimately complied with. The wharf labourers, they say, have agreed not to handle the timber, and the position of the men is thus materially strengthened. On the other hand the employers do not appear to be much troubled about the strike. No meeting has been held by them since Tuesday, and as they have timber in the yards sufficient to keep the yards going for some time, they are not likely to take steps in the direction of a settlement. A development may take place early next week.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

WINDSOR, Thursday.

The sixth quarterly shoot of the Windsor Rifle Club yesterday, seven shots at 500 and 600 yards, resulted:—Res. Ross, 33, 32 (scr)—65; Res. Vidler, 27, 27 (10)—64; Res. C. F. Mortley, 31, 30 (2)—63; Res. Peck, 31, 28 (1)—60; Res. Ezzy, 29, 27 (3)—59; Res. Cross, 29, 24 (5)—58; Res. Hannah, 22, 23 (10)—55; Res. Moses, 26 (2)—58; Res. Gray, 35, 17 (3)—52.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Feb. 6.

Marathon, s, 6772 tons, Captain Allan, from London, via Plymouth, Capetown, and Melbourne. Dalgety and Co., Limited, agents.

Boliviana, s, 4573 tons, Captain Flack, from Newcastle, en route to West Coast of South America. W. Scott Fell and Co., Limited, agents.

Imani, s, 4682 tons, Captain Pemberthy from Newcastle, en route to Bombay. W. Scott Fell and Co., Limited, agents.

Marloo, s, 2068 tons, Captain D. Kerr, from Cairns, via ports and Brisbane. Passengers: Saloon, 60, second cabin, 45; in addition to through passengers for Melbourne. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Linda Fell, s, 3025 tons, Captain Hawkins, from Newcastle. W. Scott Fell and Co., Ltd., agents.

Period, s, 2748 tons, Captain Firth, from Adelaide. Howard, Smith, and Co., Ltd., agents.

Hunter, s, 1840 tons, Captain Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River, S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Burrawong, s, 391 tons, Captain Nicholson, from Manning River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Peterborough, s, 158 tons, Captain Basclain, from Moruya. Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Noorebar, s, 670 tons, Captain A. H. Hird, from Byron Bay. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Yulgilbar, s, 779 tons, Captain Beach, from Macleay River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Kempsey, s, 482 tons, Captain Greer, from Macleay River. N. Cain's Coastal Co-operative S.S. Company, agents.

Marathon, s, 6772 tons, Captain N. Allan, from London, via Plymouth, Capetown, and Melbourne. Passengers—Mr. Hall, Mr. Rogers, and 95 in the third-class. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., agents.

Mararoa, s, 2598 tons, Captain J. V. Bentley, from Hobart, with 90 passengers. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Innamincka, s, 2501 tons, Captain Mackenzie, from Melbourne. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Adato, s, 3347 tons, Captain Stewart, from Vladivostock. Howard Smith Co., Limited, agents.

City of Grafton, s, 825 tons, Captain W. B. Nelson, from Richmond River. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—Feb. 6.

South Australian, s, for Fiji.
Auchendale, s, for Manila, via Kembla.
Indralema, s, for Auckland.
Ennerdale, s, for Auckland, Wellington, and Bluff.
Imani, s, for Bombay.
Dart, training yacht, on a cruise.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Feb. 7.

Marloo, s, for Melbourne; Moruya, s, and Eden, s, for Moruya; Peterborough, s, for Shellharbour; Tuncurry, s, for Cape Hawke; City of Grafton, s, for Richmond River; Rock Lily, s, for Nambucca River; Pyrmont, s, for Port Macquarie.

CLEARANCES.—Feb. 6.

Indralema, s, 6669 tons, Captain Trotter, for Auckland and other New Zealand ports.

Ardova, s, 3533 tons, Captain Smith, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle.

Linda Fell, s, 3050 tons, Captain West, for Port Pirie.

Period, s, 2748 tons, Captain Firth, for Port Augusta and Port Pirie, via Newcastle.

ENTERED OUTWARD.—Feb. 6.

Marathon, s, for Brisbane; Promise, s, for Ocean Island; Vienna, s, for Singapore, via Brisbane and Newcastle; Period, s, for Port Augusta and Port Pirie, via Newcastle.

IMPORTS.—Feb. 6.

Marathon, s, from London, via ports: 90 pkgs naval stores, 5s cs confectionery, 243 bgs tinplates, 42 cs capsules, 59 bxs hoopiron, 10 hhds gin, 120 axle arms, 66 castings, 1038 pkgs cartridges, 20 cs pkgs seed, 20 coriander seed, 88 cs dentist goods, 50 cs embrocations, 88 cs vinegar, 100 cs whisky, 127 cs groceries, 400 kgs whitelead, 453 ingots and 100 bgs metal, 129 fly steel rims, 125 cs beer, 174 bgs rivets, 25 cs malt extract, 50 cs fish, 580 cs paint and oil, 117 springs and axles, and sundries.

Period, s, from Port Adelaide: 42 hhds wine, 150 sks flour, 27 bdls plough shares, 2431 bgs chaff, 10 crts eggs, 25 cs cheese, 2 Angora goats, 74 bgs barley, 680 bgs tin ore, 37 bgs hides, and sundries.

Promise, s, from Ocean Island: 1300 tons guano, 80 empty oil drums.

Mararoa, s, from Hobart: 2913 cs fruit, 45 cs 22 bgs potatoes, 964 bgs green peas, 1579 cs preserves, 50 bgs flour, 50 bgs bran, 55 cs 8 bales hops, 300 super feet timber, 934 bgs chaff, 80 steel rails, 156 bgs bark, and sundries.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Orontes, from London, via ports, is due at Sydney this morning. She signalled Gabo Island at 2.10 p.m., and Green Cape at 4.35 p.m. yesterday.

The R.M.S. Macedonia, from Sydney, bound to London, arrived at Adelaide at 1 a.m. yesterday.

PERTHSHIRE LEAVES CAPETOWN.

A cable message was yesterday received by Birt and Co., Ltd., notifying that the steamer Perthshire sailed from Capetown for London on Wednesday last, en route from Australia.

THE BAR HARBOURS.

The following reports were received last night respecting the condition of the bar harbours:—

Manning Heads, 11ft, with beacons in line, crossing 8ft; Port Macquarie, 10ft; Tweed Heads, 9ft 3in, rise 4ft 9in, crossing 8ft 3in; Moruya Heads, 11ft 9in, rise 4ft 9in.

STAR OF IRELAND AT LONDON.

A cable message, received yesterday, stated that the Tyser liner Star of Ireland, arrived at London on January 31, from Sydney, via ports.

GERMAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

The Altona left Townsville on Jan. 20, homeward. The Apolda left Brisbane Feb. 5 for Newcastle. The Augsburg is at Hamburg. The Bergedorf (from Scandinavia) left the Tyne Jan. 17, and is due at Melbourne about March 13. The Berlin left Hamburg Jan. 1 outward, and is due at Melbourne March 5. The Bielefeld left Hamburg Jan. 25, outwards, and is due at Melbourne March 19. The Duisburg arrived at Melbourne Feb. 5, outward. The Elbing is at Hamburg. The Flensburg is at Hamburg. The Furth is at Hamburg. The Goslar arrived at Antwerp Jan. 29, homeward. The Hagen left Adelaide Dec. 24, homeward. The Hanau left Townsville Jan. 6, homeward. The Harburg arrived at Suez Feb. 3, homeward. The Itzehoe left East London Jan. 27, outward, and is due at Fremantle Feb. 13. The Kiel is at Hamburg. The Laeisz arrived at Melbourne Feb. 4, homeward. The Linden left Padang Dec. 31, homeward. The Magdeburg is at Hamburg. The Meissen left Hamburg Jan. 9, outward, and is due at Fremantle Feb. 28. The Neumunster left Adelaide Jan. 17, homeward. The Oberhausen left Algoa Bay Feb. 3, outward, and is due at Melbourne Feb. 23. The Osnabruck arrived at Singapore Jan. 2, homeward. The Ottensen left Sydney Jan. 20, homeward, via Singapore. The Plauen arrived at Sydney Jan. 28, homeward. The Reichenbach left Adelaide Feb. 5, homeward. The Rostock is at Hamburg. The Solingen left Melbourne Feb. 4, outward, and is due at Sydney Feb. 7. The Sonneberg (from Scandinavia) left the Tyne Dec. 30, and is now due at Melbourne. The Varzin arrived at Suez Jan. 25, homeward. The Worms arrived at Newcastle Feb. 5, homeward.

THE N.D.L. STEAMERS.

The G.M.S. Grosser Kurfurst is due at Melbourne to-day, and Sydney on the 10th inst.

The G.M.S. Bremen left Genoa on Sunday, en route from Bremen to Sydney, via usual ports.

The G.M.S. Roon leaves Bremen on Feb. 19 for Sydney, via usual ports.

The G.M.S. Scharnhorst left Fremantle on Feb. 4 en route from Sydney to Bremen, via usual ports.

The G.M.S. Gneisenau was due at Naples on Saturday, en route from Sydney to Bremen.

The Manilla leaves Sydney on Feb. 11 for Hongkong, via New Guinea ports and Manila.

The Prinz Waldemar was due at Manila on Saturday en route from Japan and China to Sydney, via usual ports.

The Prinz Sigismund was due in Manila on Feb. 3, en route from Sydney to Hongkong and Yokohama.

The Hessen leaves Sydney to-morrow for Antwerp, Bremen, and Hamburg, via Melbourne and Suez.

The Westfalen is due at Sydney about Feb. 15 from Bremen, via ports.

The Schwaben is due at Sydney on March 11 from Bremen, via ports.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING.

THURSDAY ISLAND (2000m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Yawata Maru, J.M.S., from Sydney.

TOWNSVILLE (1400m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Yongala, s, from Brisbane. Dep: Feb. 6, Hopewell, s, for Maryborough.

FLAT TOP ISLAND (1125m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Wawoon, s, from Bundaberg; Wollowra, s, and Bombala, s, from Sydney.

ROCKHAMPTON (920m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Moira, s, from Sydney; Civility, s, from Iron Island. Dep: Feb. 5, Timaru, s, for Iron Island.

BUNDABERG (717m).—Dep: Feb. 5, Tinana, s, for Brisbane.

MARYBOROUGH (680m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Mary Peverley, sch, from Townsville. Dep: Feb. 6, Allinga, s, for Brisbane.

BRISBANE (500 m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Wodonga, s, from Cooktown; Bingera, s, from Townsville; Aramac, s, from Sydney. Dep: Feb. 6, Flinders, s, for Bundaberg.

CAPE MORETON (472m).—Passed: Feb. 6, Strathallan, s, bound for Sydney.

TWEED HEADS (374m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Duranbah, s, at 12 noon, from Richmond River; Duroby, s, at 4.40 p.m., from Sydney. Passed: Feb. 6, a 2-m steamer at 5 a.m., a steamer like Gabo at 12.40 p.m., both north.

BYRON BAY (345m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Orara, s, at 5 a.m., from Sydney.

RICHMOND RIVER (331m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Ramornie, s, at 8.5 a.m., Macleay, s, at 8.10 a.m., St. George, s, at 8.15 a.m., all from Sydney; Nerong, s, at 1.15 p.m., from Brisbane, via Byron Bay. Dep: Feb. 6, Duranbah, s, at 5.15 a.m., Friendship, s, at 11.15 a.m., both for Sydney. Passed: Feb. 6, a steamer with red funnel, black top, at 10 a.m.; a large steamer at 2.30 p.m., Aldenham, s, at 6.30 p.m., all north; A.U.S.N. Company's steamer at 9.30 a.m., south.

CLARENCE HEADS (296m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Kallatina, s, at 4.50 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: Feb. 6, Kyogle, s, at 8.35 a.m., for Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA (254m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Nymboida, s, at noon, from Sydney. Passed: Feb. 6, Makambo, s, at 5.30 p.m., south.

BELLINGER (230m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Rosedale, s, at 11.30 a.m., Alma Doepel, sch, Rozelle, ktch, and Premier, ktch, all barbound, too much sea to cross in.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (223m).—Feb. 6, Wave and Lansdowne, ktchs, barbound.

MACLEAY (216m).—Dep: Feb. 6, Federal, schr, at 6 a.m.

SMOKY CAPE (205m).—Passed: Feb. 6, Cooloon, s, at 8 a.m., north; Kyogle, s, at 5 p.m., south.

PORT MACQUARIE (174m).—Dep: Feb. 6, Hastings, s, at 11.30 a.m., Wauchope, s, at 12.15 p.m., both for Sydney.

TACKING POINT (169 m).—Passed: Feb. 6, Vine Branch, s, at 2.55 p.m., German-Australian Company's str, at 2.55 p.m., Peregrine, s, at 3.25 p.m., all south.

CROWDY HEADS (147m).—Passed: Feb. 6, Hastings, s, at 3.15 p.m., Wauchope, s, at 3.30 p.m., large str, white funnel, at 5.15 p.m., large str, two funnels, at 5.15 p.m., large str, black funnel, white bands, at 5.15 p.m., all south; Ellerslie, s, at 5 p.m., north.

MANNING HEADS (144m).—Dep: Feb. 6, Alfred Fennine, ktch, at 10.10 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS (109m).—Passed: Feb. 6, a large ship, to the north-east, at 2 p.m., Tuncurry, s, at 4.15 p.m., both south.

PORT STEPHENS (83m).—Feb. 6, two ketches at anchor in Nelson's Bay, at 8.30 a.m. Dep: Feb. 6, Lily, cutter, at 8 a.m. Passed: Feb. 6, Warrancen, s, at 10 a.m., Hawk, s, at 12.40 p.m., Stormking, s, at 1.30 p.m., Dauntless, s, at 3.20 p.m., City of Grafton, s, at 3.30 p.m., a ketch, at 4 p.m., ketch, at 4.55 p.m., Aleda, sch, at 4.30 p.m., all south; Adelaide Company's str, at 6.45 p.m., north.

NEWCASTLE (69m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Archer, s, Namoi, s, Beagle, s, Duckenfield, s, Barwon, s, Wyoming, s, Drayton Grange, s, Sophia Ann, s, Queen Bee, s, all from Sydney; Corra Lynn, s, from Manning River; Hawk, s, Storm King, s, and Dauntless, s, all from Port Stephens; Mareeba, s, from Brisbane; Lord Curzon, s, from Algoa Bay. Dep: Feb. 6, Karori, s, Sophia Ann, s, Corra Lynn, s, Queen Bee, s, Beagle, s, Archer, s, all for Sydney; Barrier, s, for Brisbane; Kincumber, s, for Manning River; Korumah, ketch, for the north; Linda Fell, s, for Port Pirie, via Sydney; Moonta, s, for Melbourne.

CATHERINE HILL BAY (48m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Sophia Ann, s, at 8 a.m., Illaroo, s, at noon, both from Sydney.

SOUTH HEAD (4m).—Passed: Feb. 6, Lord Curzon, s, at 9.15 a.m., north.

WOLLONGONG (44m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Mount Kembla, s, at noon; Palmerston, s, at 2.30 p.m., both from Sydney.

PORT KEMBLA (48m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Auchendale, s, from Sydney, at 11 a.m. Dep: Feb. 6, Sphene, s, for Sydney, at 5 p.m.

KIAMA (59m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Kiama, s, from Sydney, at 2 p.m.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74m).—Feb. 6, Moruya, s, still aground on south side of crossing.

BATEMAN'S BAY (134m).—Dep: Feb. 6, Allowrie, s, for Sydney, at 10 a.m.

MORUYA HEADS (141m).—Dep: Feb. 6, Thea, Govt. tug, for Bateman's Bay, at 9.35 a.m. Passed: Feb. 6, small str at 2.35 p.m., Howard Smith Co.'s str at 3.30 p.m., both N.

EDEN (210m).—Feb. 5, Eden, s, returned for shelter at 8.15 p.m. Dep: Feb. 6, Wakatipu, s, for Launceston, at 7.5 a.m.

GREEN CAPE (218m).—Passed: Feb. 6, str, black funnel, at 7.20 p.m., south; like Melbourne, s, at 5.15 a.m., German str at 5.20 a.m., str, red funnel, black top, at 6.5 a.m., Koiva, s, at 1.40 p.m., Cooma, s, at 4.23 p.m., Orontes, R.M.S., at 4.35 p.m., all north.

GABO ISLAND (238m).—Passed: Feb. 6, Wakatipu, s, at 10.25 a.m., south; Fitzclarence, s (for Port Pirie), at 1.35 p.m., west; a 4-m bq at 5.10 p.m., north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (425m).—Passed outward: Feb. 6, Orontes, R.M.S., at 2.5 a.m., Cumberland, sh, at 6 a.m.

MELBOURNE (576m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Sarpedon, s, from Glasgow; Grosser Kurfurst, s, from Bremen; Arawatta, s, from Cooktown, via Sydney; Oonah, s, from Burnie; Indradevi, s, from Sydney; Euryalus, s, and Sydney, s, from Sydney; Perth, s, from Newcastle; Orion, s, from Stanley; La Bruyere, French bq, from New York. Dep: Feb. 6, Waipara, s, for London; Laeisz, for Antwerp.

HOBART (648m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Wimmera, s, from New Zealand ports, at 11.30 a.m.; Wild Wave, bq, from Adelaide, at 4.20 p.m.

LAUNCESTON (500m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Loongana, s, from Melbourne, at 6.15 a.m. Dep: Feb. 6, Wareatea, s, for Melbourne, at 5.16 a.m.; Frain, Norwegian bq, for Westport, N.Z., at 6.15 a.m.

ADELAIDE (1084m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Macedonia, R.M.S., from the eastern States; Volute, s, from Singapore; Dorset, s, from Melbourne. Dep: Feb. 6, Westfalen, s, for the eastern States; Hawthornbank, bq, for the United Kingdom; Onyx, bq, for Tasmania; Era, s, for Sydney; Benicia, sh, for Melbourne.

PORT PIRIE.—Arr: Feb. 6, Isle of Erin, bq, from Sydney. Dep: Feb. 5, Wonga Fell, s, for Sydney; Ermina, bq, for Wallaroo.

EDITHBURG.—Dep: Feb. 5, Ashridge, s, for Adelaide.

ALBANY (2100m).—Dep: Feb. 6, Medic, s, for Liverpool, via Capetown.

FREMANTLE (2466m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Kyarra, s, from the eastern States. Dep: Feb. 6, Australien, F.M.S., for Marseilles.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1253m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Moeraki, s, from Sydney. Dep: Feb. 6, Loch Garve, sh, for London.

LYTTELTON (1374m).—Arr: Feb. 6, Brisbane, s, from Newcastle.

KAIPARA.—Arr: Feb. 6, Olivia, bq, from Newcastle.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.
Tathra.—Eden, 9 a.m.
Ballina, Broadwater, and Wardell (R.R.).—City of Grafton, 1 p.m.
Port Macquarie.—Pyrmont, 4 p.m.
Bellinger Heads.—Rosedale, 4 p.m.
Nambucca Heads and Macksville.—Rocklily, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Port Macquarie.—Wauchope, noon.
Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Marama, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Kaikoura, noon.
Macleay River and Byron Bay, via Newcastle.—Noorebar, noon.
Melbourne.—Peregrine, 1 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawk, 1 p.m.
Macleay River.—Kempsey, 2 p.m.
Thursday Island, Zamboanga, Manila (P.I.), Hongkong, and Japan, via Brisbane.—Taiyuan, 3.45 p.m.
Macleay River.—Yulgilbar, 4 p.m.
Richmond River.—Brundah, 7 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 9.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Oonah, 9.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Sydney, 9.30 p.m.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I would like to draw the attention of those who have some feeling for the poor unfortunate, helpless 'bus horses, and to those who are able to take some action to minimise the evil. I am on a visit o Sydney, and it makes my heart ache to see the cruelty practised daily to those poor animals. I have taken particular notice, and have seen the same horses running trip after trip all day long, with hardly any time to spare before resuming the return journey, and on three different occasions horses so lame that they could hardly put one leg before the other; and yet no one seems to take any notice. What are the traffic inspectors doing. A great many of the horses are mere skeletons. I hope someone will try and do something for these unfortunate animals. I am, etc., C.

AUSTRALIAN WEATHER.

THE "HERALD" MAP.



The centre of the high pressure is still travelling in high latitudes, a portion of it being now situated over Victoria and south-eastern districts of South Australia. The monsoonal depression has slightly receded northward, its centre being over the interior of Western Australia.

Ocean Forecast.—A cyclone still operates over the north Tasman Sea, but energy slight. Rough seas and squally winds on the west coast of Tasmania and off the Leeuwin.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Thursday.

Sydney Rainfall.—Average 49 years, 48.335.

Total rainfall from January 1, 1908, to date, 5.725.

Total for corresponding period of previous year, 2.809.

Average for 50 years from January 1 to 31, 3.448.

Barometers.—9 a.m., 29.922; 3 p.m., 29.896; 9 p.m., 29.904.

Temperatures.—Max., 81.2; min., 70.1; 9 p.m., 73.6.

Humidity.—9 a.m., 84 deg.; 3 p.m., 68; 9 p.m., 91.

Wind.—Highest velocity, 10 miles, from E.

SYNOPSIS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Light showers were recorded in the south coastal districts.

Victoria.—Light and scattered rain recorded, chiefly in the south-east.

Northern Territory.—Light to heavy and general rain.

Queensland.—Light to heavy and scattered on northern coast and Peninsula and Gulf country.

Western Australia.—Light to moderate and scattered, with thunderstorms.

RAINFALL.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Bombala 16 points, Bowral 6, Byron Bay 20, Birchgrove 11, Delegate 27, Gabo Island 15, Glebe Point 10, Marrickville 5, Parramatta 3, Strathfield 6, Sydney 17, Ulladulla 9, Wahroonga 13, Wentworth 1, Wollongong 3.

CONDITIONS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Fine generally.

Victoria.—Clear in the west and north-west, fine but cloudy elsewhere.

South Australia.—Generally fine, with scattered clouds; hot far inland.

Queensland.—Fine but cloudy chiefly.

Western Australia.—Clear over Murchison, scattered clouds in the tropics, fine but cloudy to overcast elsewhere.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29.81; Geraldton, 29.83; Perth, 29.86; Eucla, 29.85; Streaky Bay, 29.91; Adelaide, 30.08; Robe, 30.06; Portland, 30.03; Melbourne, 30.03; Wilson's Promontory, 30.04; Gabo Island, 29.98; Cape St. George, 29.89; Newcastle, 29.96; Port Macquarie, 29.95; Clarence Heads, 29.90; Brisbane, 29.93; Rockhampton, 29.82; Mackay, 29.83.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers on February 6 were as follow:—Albury, 11in; Balranald, below summer level; Bingara, 2ft 6in, f; Boolligal, stopped running; Bourke, 1; Brewarrina, 2ft; Condobolin, 1ft 2in; Cowra, 2ft 9in; Collarenebri, 1; Deniliquin, 1ft 2in; Dubbo, 5ft 6in; Euabalong, 4ft 10in; Euston, 6ft; Goodooga, 1; Gundagai, 1ft 4in; Gunnedah, 1; Hay, below summer level; Kunopia, 1; Louth, 2ft, f; Manilla, 1; Menindie, 4ft 5in, f; Moama, 6ft 11in; Mogil Mogil, 1; Moulamein, 11in; Mungundi, 1ft; Narrandera, 7ft, r; Pooncarie, 7ft 6in; Tocumwal, 2ft 4in; Wagga Wagga, 1ft 11in; Wentworth, 8ft 8in; Wilcannia, 3ft 1in, f; Yetman, 1ft, r; Barwon River, at Walgett, 4ft, s; Namoi River, at Walgett, 8ft 3in, f.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling; s, stationary; l, low.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, E, fresh, fine, heavy break on bar; Clarence Heads, E, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Woolgoolga, SSE, light, fine, sea moderate; Bellinger Heads, NE, light, fine, sea moderate; Nambucca Heads, E, light, cloudy, sea rough; Port Macquarie, SE, light, fine, sea moderate; Manning Heads, SE, light, fine, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, S, light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, E, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Newcastle, SE, fresh, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, SE, light, fine, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, SE, light, fine, sea moderate; Barrenjoey, SE, light, cloudy, sea heavy; South Head, ESE, light, fine, sea moderate; Wollongong, calm, cloudy, sea moderate; Kiama, SSW, light, cloudy, sea rough; Ulladulla, calm, misty rain, sea moderate; Moruya, E, moderate, misty rain, sea rough; Eden, S, fresh, cloudy, sea rough; Green Cape, S, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Gabo Island, SSW, moderate, cloudy, sea moderate.

FORECASTS.

New South Wales.—Continued unsettled conditions and muggy generally, especially inland; rain slowly approaching from the north-west central Australia; southerly winds and showers on the coast; that is north-east inland.

Western Australia.—Unsettled with showers and thunder over the south-west districts, more especially over the goldfields, and also in the tropics. Warm to hot temperatures in the east with northerly winds, but squally southerly winds on the west coast generally, extending inland.

South Australia.—Fine, but cloudy and close for the most part; south-east to north-east winds; continued rain in the Territory, extending to the north districts of South Australia.

Queensland.—Unsettled with thundery rains over the western portion; under northerly winds, gradually extending to eastern and southern areas; Data, meagre.

Victoria.—Fine for the present over the western and southern parts, but cloudy with light showers over the eastern; south-west to south-east winds.

Tasmania.—Showers on the west coast; fine elsewhere, with west to south-west winds.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR FEB. 7.

Sun rises at 5.21 a.m., sets at 6.57 p.m.; Moon, 10.35 a.m., 10.11 p.m.; Mercury, 6.30 a.m., 7.46 p.m.; Venus, 8.7 a.m., 8.37 p.m.; Mars, 10.19 a.m., 9.48 p.m.; Jupiter, 6.17 p.m., 4.40 a.m.; Saturn, 5.23 a.m., 5.50 p.m.

Full moon, February 17.

High water at Fort Denison, — a.m., 12.12 p.m.

MUNICIPAL SOCIALISM.

QUESTION OF A DISPENSARY.

The decision of the City Council to ask for power to establish a municipal dispensary is meeting with strong opposition from many quarters. Yesterday we published expressions of opinion from representatives of friendly societies, which were antagonistic to the proposal of the council. The chemists of the city are now up in arms, and it is stated that there is a movement on foot among those conducting chemist's shops to rigidly oppose the establishment of such a concern.

"Why should the chemists be singled out?" said one leading druggist yesterday. "It means," he added, "that the council is going to come into competition with its own ratepayers, the very men who put the aldermen in their position, and who pay high rents, from which the council obtains its revenue in rates."

It is nothing but rank socialism, said a prominent ratepayer and leading business man of the city, but who is not a chemist. He added: "Do the aldermen think the ratepayers put them into the council to forget the proper functions of a councillor, and neglect the streets and sanitary condition of the city, as our councillors have ever done, and are doing at the present time, in order that they can turn their attention to the formulating of ways and means of ruining their masters' (the ratepayers) businesses, and killing private enterprise. No, I feel certain that Parliament would never grant the council such powers, and from all I can here it is doubtful whether the majority of the present aldermen will be in a position after the next election to push this matter ahead, I believe there are rocks ahead for them."

A prominent city merchant yesterday addressed a letter to the Premier on the subject, pointing out that the project was the thin end of the wedge to bring in municipal trading concerns. All chemists and persons interested in medicine should, he says, meet and seriously consider if any more bylaws are wanted, or larger powers given to the council than they have at present.

It is proposed to call a public meeting of citizens to protest against the action of the council.

MUNICIPAL AND SHIRE ELECTIONS.

COUNTRY.

CUDAL.—J. Landsurer, S. G. Earngey, W. Ford, E. A. Young, K. A. Gavin, C. E. Gavin (elected unopposed).

MAYORS.

ALBURY.—Alderman Alfred Waugh has been re-elected Mayor of Albury.

BALMAIN.—Alderman M. H. Cohen, the retiring Mayor, declining to stand, Aldermen W. J. Laws and T. Minty were candidates for the position. Alderman Laws was elected on division by 7 to 5.

BLAYNEY.—At a meeting of the newly-elected aldermen to elect a Mayor to-day, Alderman Arthur Hewish was chosen.

CAMDEN.—Alderman Geo. R. Furner, J.P., has been re-elected Mayor for the current year.

GOULBURN.—Alderman Rich. Holloway was elected Mayor to-night. The only other alderman nominated (Alderman Ashley) withdrew.

SHIRES.

BLAXLAND.—A Riding: James Lonergan 200, W. Gallagher 167 (elected), W. Tonkin 107. B Riding: J. Berghofer 82, S. Skelly 69 (elected), P. Matthews 52, R. M'Garry 25. C Riding: C. Moore 79, A. C. Corderoy 62 (elected), R. Cale 29, W. M'Donald 26, M. Ryan 24, J. Charlton 20.

BOREE.—A riding: G. J. Black 81, Chas. Whitmee 66 (elected); Geo. Treweeke 61, David O'Neil 51. B riding: Thos. Finn and J. T. Noble (elected unopposed). C riding: L. N. Smith 37, N. W. Kater 25 (elected); R. A. Douglas 25.

FINLAY.—Messrs. W. W. Wren and W. J. Collins were returned unopposed for A riding; Messrs. Daddley and Cochrane for B riding; and Messrs. Moorhead and Alexander for C riding.

MARRICKVILLE TOWN HALL.

Last year a proposal was before the Marrickville Council to remove the Town Hall from its present site. It was pointed out at the time that the present position of the Town Hall was not a central one, and that it should be nearer the main business thoroughfare. The council was divided upon the question. A referendum was taken on Saturday last during the election of aldermen. The question the electors had to answer was—"Are you in favour of a more central site being purchased and a new Town Hall erected." The result of the poll was—In favour of the proposal, 774; against the removal, 661; informal votes, 104. Majority in favour of removal, 113. It will be noticed that there were no less than 104 informal votes. That arose from apathy on the part of the electors to answer the question, or to take any interest in the subject. The subject will come before the next council meeting.

The fog-dispersing apparatus invented by Signor Maggiora is not to be set up at the expense of the London County Council, owing to an adverse report from Dr. Shaw, the Director of the Meteorological Office. A site will, however, be found where Signor Maggiora can experiment at his own expense. Dr. Shaw's report contains the statement that "the weight of a cubic mile of air is about five million tons, and consequently the weight of fog-laden air in the case of a fog a mile thick extending over the district of greater London alone is three thousand million tons. It is obviously useless to attempt the motion of so great a mass by mechanical action."

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A good volume of business was effected on 'Change yesterday, at firm rates. Bank of Australasia shares rose £2, Commercial Banking Company of Sydney 5/, Union Bank of Australia 10/, and Richardson and Wrench /6, other sales being at late rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Commercial Bank of Sydney, £28/12/6. Afternoon: Bellambi Coal, 62/; Australian Gaslight, £19/3/; Colonial Sugar, paid up 9/10/'07, £42; Union Bank, £60/10/; Bank of Australasia, £105; Richardson and Wrench, 14/.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. Per Annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.*
				£	£	£	
STOCK.							
N.S.W. F.S., due 1912	..	..	3	85	87	..	3¼
Do., due 1912	..	..	3½	98¼	99	100	3½
Do., due 1912	..	..	4	102	101¼	102¼	3¾
Do., due 1915	..	..	3½	99	98	..	3½
Do., due 1921	..	..	3	99¼	98¼	100	3½
Do., due 1924-5	..	..	3	..	90	..	..
Do., due 1909	..	..	4	100¼	100	..	4
Do., Act 1873	..	..	4	108	108	110	3¾
Do., 4 p.c., due 9/8/'07	..	..	4	100¼	..	..	3¾
Do., Deb., 1908	..	..	4	..	100	..	4
Do., 1909	..	..	3½	100	..	..	..
Ditto, T. Bills, 1908	..	..	3½	100	99	..	3¾
Ditto	..	..	4	101¼	100	..	3¾
Ditto, T. Bills, 1911	..	..	3½	99½	..	..	..
Ditto, T. Bills, 1913	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
N.Z. Deb., 1913	..	..	4	101	..	..	3¾
Do., 1921	..	..	4	102	101	102	3¾
Queens. Deb., 1913	..	..	4	101¼	..	..	3¾
Ditto, Tr. Bills	..	..	4	101¼	100	101	3¾
W. A. Inscr.	..	..	4	101¼	100¼	..	3¾
Ditto, 1902	..	..	3½	..	..	99	..
Australian Gas Deb., 1922	..	..	4	101¼	101	..	3¾
City Syd., Deb.	..	..	4	103¼	102	..	3¾
Do., 1928	..	..	4	103¼	..	..	..
Col. Sugar D. 1914	..	..	5	106	107	..	4¾
BANKS.							
Aust. J.S.	3¼	1	..	..	..	..	..
Australasia	40	40	14	105	105	105	5¼
City	10	8	8	74/6	73/	75/6	5¼
Do., New	10	6	8	66/6	66/	68/	7¼
Commercial of Australia	10	10/	..	10/	..	..	..
Do., pref.	10	10	8	8.4/	5/12/	..	4¾
Com. Sydney	25	12½	10	28¼	28¼	29	4¾
Do., New	..	..	10	20¼	..	..	..
National of Australasia	..	..	..	90/	91/	..	..
Do., pref.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
N. S. W.	20	20	10	43¼	43¼	43¾	4¾
N. Zealand	6¼	5¼	10	9¾	..	9¾	5¼
N. Queensland	7	2	4	21/6	..	..	..
Q'land National	5	3	..	17/	..	..	..
Royal of Q.	5	6¼	4	94/	96/	97/6	5¼
Union	75	25	14	60¼	60	60¾	5¾
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank, Class B.	..	..	2	13/3	13/2	13/5	4½
Class B., 1917	..	..	3	13/1½	..	..	4¾
Do., Insc.	..	..	3½	12/6	11/3	12/6	5½
Com. of Aus. Assets	..	..	3	17/6	17/6	..	..
E. S. & A. Deb.	..	..	4	18/9	18/3	..	..
Do., pref.	..	..	4	12/6	12/6	..	..
Do., def.	..	..	4½	18/	18/3	..	..
Q. Nat.	..	..	2½	16/9	16/9	..	..
STEAM.							
Bal. Ferry	1	1	10	37/	36/	38/	5¼
Howard Smith	1	1	10	34/	34/	..	5¾
Do.	1	5/	10	18/	17/	..	..
Pref.	1	1	5	10/	10/9	20/6	4½
Do.	1	5/	10	4/9	4/9	..	5
Illawarra	1	15/	7	23/	22/	24/	..
Newcastle	1	1	6	24/6	24/6	25/6	4¾
North Coast	1	17/6	8	25/	24/9	26/	5¼
Ditto, new	..	17/6	8	25/10	..	..	..
Port Jackson	1	15/	..	..	28/9	27/6	5¼
Sydney Ferries	1	1	10	56	55/	..	..
Do., new	1	10/	10	53/6	42/	47/	5¼
INSURANCE.							
A. M. Fire	1	15/	14½	41/	42/	..	..
Col. Mut. Fire	..	1	20½	41/4½	..	..	..
Mer. Mut.	1	6/	14½	18/3	18/9	19/6	5
New Zealand	10	2	15	90/	85/	..	..
Queensland	1	10/	8	18/	18/	..	..
United	..	2½	12½	5½	..	6	5¼
COAL.							
Bellambi	1	1	17½	62/	61/	63/	5¼
East Greta	1	1	10	28/	27/	29/	6¾
Heddon Greta	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Hetton	5	5	5	54/	52/	60/	5¼
Metrop., ord.	1	..	8	..	..	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	8	17/	..	18/	5¼
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	..	..	..	..
Mt. K'mbla Coal and Oil, Ltd	10	10	..	..	..	26	..
Newcastle	10	10	5	7	6¾	7¼	7¼
North Bulli	1	20/	..	24/6	26/6	29/6	..
South Greta	10/	10/	..	14/	13/6	..	..
Stockton	1	1	..	5/8	5/3	..	..
Ditto, new	..	16/	..	..	..	..	..
V. of Clywdd	1	1	6	32/	31/	35/	4¾
Wallsend	10	4	20	28	28	29½	6
Waratah	..	..	..	1/	7/	1/	..
Wickham and Bullock Is.	1	20/	..	8/6	5/	8/	..
Ditto, new	1	18/	..	4/6	4/	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	..	1	15/	..	..
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	21/6	..	..	..
Australian	6	6	15	19/3	19¼	19¾	4¾
Ditto, new	6	3	15	11¾	11½	11¾	4¾
Char. Towers	10	10/	10	14/9	..	..	..
Goulburn	1	1	15	38/6	..	..	..
Grafton	1	1	8	30/4½	30/	..	..
Katoomba and Leura	1	1	..	21/	20/9	..	..
Maitland	5	5	7	8	9	..	..
Manly	1	1	8	34/	34/	..	..
Ditto, new	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mudgee	1	1	7	23/	22/6	..	..
Newcastle	1	1	15	6½	6¾	6¾	4¾
North Shore	1	1	8	39/	38/6	40/	4½
BREWERIES.							
C. and Wood Bros.	1	1	4	10/6	10/6	11/3	7½
Perkins'	15/	15/	20/	26/10½	27/	28/6	5½
Toohey's	16/	16/	5	13/4½	13/6	13/9	6
Tooth's	1	1	..	39/	..	..	..
MISCEL'NS.							
Aarons'	15/	10/	..	2/1	2/3	..	..
A. Taylor, Co.	1	1	10	23/3	22/	23/6	6¼
Aust. News.	1	..	..	12/	12/6	17/6	..
E. H. W. Sup.	1	1	4/6	20/4	19	..	..
Burns, Philp	1	1	10	29/	38/	39/6	5¼
Do., New Issue	1	10/	10	30/	..	..	5
Col. Sugar	20	20	10	42	41¾	42¼	4¾
Do., New Issue	10	10	10	..	..	..	..
Dalgety and Co.	20	4	7	8¼	8¼	8½	5¼
Dunlop Pneu. Tyre, pref.	1	1	7	19/6	20/	..	7
Ems B. Rail.	..	..	..	4/10½	..	..	..
Ditto, pref. B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ems and Pros. Gravel	1	16	6½	10/	..	13/	10
F. Food, Ice	12/	10/	10	14/	13/9	14/1½	7¼
Goodlet and Smith	15/	15/	6	14/9	14/6	15/	6¼
H. Mackenzie, ord.	1	1	7	22/9	22/	25/	6¼
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	20/	..	..	7¼
Hotel Metropole	..	20/	6	..	20/9	..	6
Ditto, pref.	1	10/	15	..	21/9	..	..
Melb. Trams	..	..	..	..	33/9	..	4½
M. de Piete	1	1	10	36/	35/	..	5¼
Mort's Dock	1	1	6	18/9	18/6	..	6¼
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	22/6	22/	..	5¼
Paul and Gray	1	1	17½	28/6	28/	29/6	12½
Perm. Trust	5	2/6	10	5/	5/	..	5
Perp. Trust	10	5/	10	13/	12/6	13/	3¾
Pitt, Son, Bad.	1	11/	10	..	12/9	15/	..
Q'sland Meat Ex. and Agy.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Richardson and Wrench	1	1	5	14/	13/6	14/6	7¼
Silv. Tram	1	1	40	79/	82/	..	10¼
Syd. Cyclorama	1	1	5	16/	13/	17/	6¼
Sydney Exch.	10	10	6	11/14/	..	..	..
Syd. Hyd.	1	1	10	32/	31/9	33/	6¼
Ditto, con.	1	10/	10	15/3	15/	15/6	6¾
Syd. Hyd. and G. E.	1	15/	15	31/	..	..	7¼
W. H. Soul, Patt. and Co.	1	1	10	42/6	42/	45/	4¾
LAND and RD.							
Com. B. and I.	..	..	..	2/6	..	2/6	..
Fuvela, Dep.	..	..	..	9/	..	..	..
Ind. Prop.	20	20	6	19/	..	..	6¼
Intern. Inv.	1	15/	10	29/	..	22/	5¼
Newc. B. and I.	..	..	6	19/	..	..	..
Bvd. Free. L.	..	6/7	20	8/	..	..	..

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. †† Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. § Call paid. ‡ For six months.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day quotations were:—Queensland 3½ per cent. Loan, s £101; 4 per cent. Treasury Bills, b £100.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3 per cent., 1920, £90/10/; N.Z. 4 per cent., 1922, £102; Commercial Bank, 9/3; ditto (pref), £5/14/; Union Bank, £60/10/; E., S., and A. Bank Deposits (deferred), 19/; Metropolitan Gas, £10/6/; Melbourne Tram, 8/3; Iron and Steel, £14/15/, £15; Kauri Timber, 5/8.

FINANCIAL.

TAXING UNIMPROVED VALUES.

The newly elected municipal councils will have soon to decide whether they are to raise their necessary funds by rating the unimproved or improved value of the land within their areas. In this connection the experience of New Zealand is of interest. There the unimproved value is the basis of rating, and the total amount of rates levied during the last year for which statistics are available was £1,019,431 on land of the aggregate unimproved value of £122,937,126. The average thus worked out at .83 of 1 per cent. In outlying municipalities the rates are the lowest, while in towns they considerably exceed the average. In Wellington they stood at 1.1 per cent., in Christchurch 1.2 per cent., in Invercargill 1.8 per cent., and in Stratford 2 per cent. One per cent. it must be remembered, represents nearly 2½d in the £. A number of questions on this subject were recently put to the clerks of the various local bodies interested. These are worthy of reproduction, as follows:—

(1) Has the system any marked effect in discouraging the holding of land for speculative purposes?—Yes, 13; no, 19; indefinite, 4.

(2) Has the system unduly forced people to part with land used for private gardens?—Yes, 4; no, 22; indefinite, 9.

(3) Do you attribute to the system any alteration in the prosperity of your county, district, or borough?—Yes, 7; no, 22; indefinite, 9.

(4) Has the system caused any appreciable increase of buildings or other improvements?—Yes, 12; no, 14; indefinite, 9.

(5) Has the system caused buildings to be erected in advance of requirements?—Yes, 3; no, 32.

(6) Do you consider the system to work equitably?—Yes, 19; no, 8. Do you know of any cases of hardship?—Yes, 14; no, 10.

(7) Has it had any effect in cheapening land?—Yes, 5; no, 28. Or in making it easier to get?—Yes, 12; no, 22.

(8) Do the ratepayers and the public seem satisfied with the system?—Yes, 22; no, 3; indefinite, 10.

In further explanation it should be noted, however, that the tax is too light to have any marked effect in discouraging speculation, especially in view of the general rise in land values from other causes.

MOCKING THE BANKS.

No word has yet been received in Australia as far as we can learn that the American banks have resumed specie payments. When last mail left this was certainly not the case, and a Chicago correspondent has forwarded a number of derisive bank cheques. They are curious and suggestive, printed as they are in colour in imitation of these real—we can hardly say genuine—bank cheques, which can only be met by Clearing House certificates, if at all, and some of the mockeries have got into the Chicago newspapers, so that they obviously give expression to a feeling widely prevalent. One of these cheques has this legend: "In God we trust, in banks we bust." Then follows the number and title, "The Windy City (1907) Bankers' Dream Association." It is a cheque professing to be for 10dols, signed by "Faro Bill, president," and payable by the "Sonkum and Slockum Bank." The 10dols are in what is described as stage money, and in the corner is a "free pass, good at any depot to watch the trains pull out." Another of these mock cheques professes to be issued by the "National Cleaning House Association," and the wag who sent it has filled in the name of the King of England, to whom, or bearer, 1000dols of imaginary money is to be paid. "In God we trust, in banks we don't," is the legend, and the cheque is supposed to be payable at the "Last Rational Bank of Trust Me Not." The manager is "A Good Bluff," and the secretary "I Am Busted." Still another sample is a cheque of the "American Lemon House Association," which promises to pay Mr. Easy Mark 5 Lemons. "This piece of paper is good for nothing" we are candidly told in the corner, and the bank on which it is drawn is the "Universal Bunco Bank of America." Hinkey Dink is the president, and R. G. Wallish the cashier, and the cheque is frankly declared "Warranted to be nothing but common paper."

A CURRENCY SCHEME.

To prevent the recurrence of a crisis such as that from which the United States is even now only slowly emerging, Mr. Henry Clewes, the well-known financial magnate, writes that his preference is for a scientific and elastic currency system based upon bank assets, or something like the following, to provide for periods of great money demands:—Authorise national banks to increase their circulation, to be called emergency circulation, to the extent of, say, 20 per cent. of their paid-up capital, to be issued upon approved savings bank securities, to be deposited with the Comptroller of the Currency, and to be taxed to such an extent as to compel the speedy return and cancellation of such notes when the business needs no longer exist for the additional currency. In the event of Congress failing to provide an elastic quality to the currency system, as an alternative, he suggests the following:—The Government to issue emergency notes, not to exceed 100,000,000dols, during periods of great panics, and to banks only, to be held by them as reserve, these emergency notes to draw 2 per cent. interest and have six months to run, subject to renewal for an additional three to six months, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury by consent of the President. Such a measure of relief would work like the Bank of England's back-log method. Whenever a great panic occurs in England the Bank of England is authorised to suspend its Charter Act, which admits of issuing increased Bank of England notes, without requiring a corresponding amount of gold to be held against same. This has always been found to end panic at once. The above plan would supply what is now very much needed in the United States—an automatic movement at a time when most wanted. As a matter of fact, it being known that relief would be always forthcoming, would be a bar against panics occurring, such as the recent one and that of 1873, when money was almost unobtainable on any terms. This plan of issuing emergency elastic national bank reserve money would remove the necessity of a central national bank. Such a bank would never be acceptable to the national banks now existing, as it would reduce the influence of all of them. The jealousy of bank officials would cause them to exert their influences against such a measure meeting with Congressional favour.

AUSTRALIA'S TRADE QUANTITATIVELY STATED.

Already a good few details have been given of the trade of the Commonwealth for last year, the whole of the figures quoted, however, being on the basis of money value. While this method gives a very practical idea of the expansion, it has this drawback—that it does not necessarily convey the trend of trade as far as quantity is concerned. An example may be given of what we mean. Whereas the exports of flour last year showed an increase in value of £79,459, they showed a decrease in quantity of 68,163 centals. To obtain a really clear idea of the course of trade it is therefore essential to look at each item from two different standpoints. To enable this to be done, the following details are appended:—

Item.	1906.	1907.	+Increase. −Decrease.
Butter, lb	75,802,856	66,083,804	— 9,719,052
Wheat, centals	18,157,401	17,270,480	— 886,921
Flour, centals	3,337,610	3,269,447	— 68,163
Beef, lb.	41,561,252	52,048,592	+ 10,487,340
Mutton and lamb lb.	90,692,385	109,227,757	+ 18,535,372
Tallow, cwt.	684,779	676,708	— 8,071
Wine, gal.	719,763	981,944	+ 262,181
Wool, lb.	480,242,885	585,075,043	+ 104,832,158
Coal, tons	2,061,804	2,653,500	+ 591,696
Copper, cwt.	744,357	853,234	+ 88,877
Lead, cwt.	1,786,856	1,774,108	— 12,748
Silver, oz.	8,617,986	9,526,459	+ 908,523
Tin, cwt.	130,120	132,218	+ 2,098

METROPOLITAN MUTUAL PERMANENT.

The annual report of the Metropolitan Permanent Building and Investment Association, Ltd., shows that the profit for the year totalled £1152, which, with the amount brought forward, made £10,144 of accumulated profits. The Glebe debentures, which were due in 1903 and 1904, amounting together to £20,155, will be paid off this year. The directors will then be in a position to state what dividend they propose. The net rentals from freehold and leasehold properties amounted to £5345. Sales of land in the Yorks Estate had been limited, owing to the drought, to 635 acres, at a profit of £287. The meeting of shareholders was held yesterday under the presidency of Mr. Frederick H. Reuss, when the report was adopted. Mr. David Elphinstone was re-elected a director, and Messrs. Thos. Davis and Henry Dean auditors.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The wool market closed a shade better yesterday, prices, if anything, showing a practical improvement compared with those of the previous week.

Offerings of wool at auction covered 8293 bales, and sales, inclusive of private transactions, totalled 8032 bales.

Besides the annual reports of the wool trade mentioned yesterday, we have received those of Messrs. Du Croz, Doxat, and Co., H. Irwell and Co., and John Hoare and Co., by mail from London.

Commonwealth gold exports up to date this year have totalled £642,000, against £480,000 for the corresponding portion of last year.

Two English banks recently took the precautionary measures of writing down their holdings of Consols to 80.

It will be remembered that it is not so many years ago since some Anglo-Australian institutions were adversely criticised for writing Consols down to 85.

Of course banks are perfectly free to do exactly what they like with their own property, but there is always a danger in such cases of an action of this kind tending to postpone the recovery.

Here is an interesting summary of the course of the money market during the last two years:—

	Average of Bank Rate. £ s d
First half of 1906	3 16 7
Second half of 1906	4 12 8
First half of 1907	4 13 10
Second half of 1907	5 3 2

The gradual upward movement when put this way is remarkable.

Towards the end of last year, when the Bank of England had a reserve of notes and coin of £19,915,401, the Bank of France held gold to the value of £106,400,000, and silver to the value of £37,400,000.

The economy of the British financial scheme as compared with the wastefulness of the French method is thus strikingly illustrated.

The half-yearly meeting of the Sydney and Suburban Hydraulic Power Company, Ltd., was held yesterday, Mr. A. W. Meeks, M.L.C., presiding. The report, which we have already summarised, was adopted, and Messrs. Bruce Smith, M.P., and James Angus, were re-elected directors, and Messrs. H. D. Vane and J. E. Bowes auditors.

The meeting of the Sydney Hydraulic and General Engineering Company, Ltd., was also held yesterday, under the presidency of Mr. A. W. Meeks, M.L.C., the report being adopted.

"The Review" for January is to hand. It deals with many subjects of interest to bankers and others.

The P. and O. Company earned £1,151,021 in passage money, and £1,555,814 in freights last financial year.

The same company paid away £330,000 in Suez Canal dues alone, a tax that falls heavily on Australian trade.

Though several attempts have been made by Australian Chambers of Commerce to have these dues reduced, so far they have met with poor success.

Ex-President James H. Hyde, of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, has offered, provided all suits against him are withdrawn, to make restitution of some millions of dollars.

The State Attorney-General has refused to accept Mr. Hyde's terms, and says that the suits will be proceeded with.

COMMERCIAL.

In a sweltering heat such as it was yesterday some business was done, but the greatest anxiety was for self-comfort—if any could be found under the oppressive weather conditions. The market for teas displayed a fair amount of activity, including the auction sale. Many would-be operators had been holding off in anticipation of these auctions (more today); but they did not get lower prices. It was a question of competition between them after all. Practically all offered was sold at satisfactory prices. Groceries moved off in distributing parcels at prices which underwent very little variation. The market for sardines continued to display a very firm tendency. Holders of all descriptions of dried, evaporated, and tinned fruits were asking top values. The demand for oils was slack. With regard to jute, business was mostly in the background, though some branbags were placed on country account. In metals, fencing wires and wire nettings met with a good deal of inquiry, and holders generally were more hopeful as to the future. This was due to cables from London advising that the bottom of the market had been reached. Prices there, it was said, had not shown any further decline for about a fortnight, and it was expected that in a very short time levels would climb higher. Though a good deal of cutting in values for wires and wire nettings had been going on locally, this, it transpires, was not so much due to there being excessive stocks as it was to the fact that supplies had been more widely held than usual. The position, therefore, is really better than some people had imagined. Some weak holders had been sacrificing their stocks, and the end of that has practically been reached.

THE LEATHER INDUSTRY.

As regards the outlook for Australasian leathers (says the "British Trade Review" of January 1), there is every reason to expect a continuous, steady demand. Raw material is plentiful, and the home demand good and improving. It should therefore mean that with a much lower market value for raw pelts Australasian tanners will be tempted to tan into basils rather than export the raw material. At the moment the demand for basils for export is quiet, as all are playing a waiting game as regards prices, but with any material drop the demand should once again assert itself as of old; at present they are unremunerative to users, except in special instances. Sole leather, sides, may be reckoned upon as a steady seller in all reliable tannages at a lower and more tempting level of values.

AREAS UNDER HOP CULTIVATION.

However disadvantageous it may be to the brewers to discourage the extended cultivation of hops, there is a consensus of opinion among growers to the effect that at the prices recently prevailing this form of agriculture is carried on at a very insufficient margin of profit, and not infrequently at an actual loss. It is stated that the producers of Europe and America desire to bring about a general limitation of the area under cultivation in consequence of the low quotations which have ruled during the past few years. Some idea of the extension of the area under hops in the last six years may be obtained from the subjoined table, extracted from Messrs. John Barth and Son's records:—

Country.	Area in hectares. (Hectare equals 2.471 acres.) 1901.	1907.
Germany	37,757	38,297
France	2,766	2,000
Bohemia	15,972	16,850
Rest of Austria	5,642	6,858
Netherlands	5,506	3,800
Russia, etc.	5,000	6,217
Total, Continent	68,909	74,922
England	20,707	18,200
Total Europe	89,616	93,122
America	17,068	22,276
Australia	1,000	580
Total area	107,684	115,978

It will be observed that, though the area in the United Kingdom has declined by 2500 hectares, that of the rest of Europe has increased in the same period by some 6000 hectares. In Germany itself the advance has been slight, amounting to only about 500 hectares, while, as compared with 1885 the German area has declined by over 9000 hectares. On the other hand, the land under hops in Austria-Hungary has increased by close upon 11,000 hectares since 1885. As against 1906, however, the acreage of the hop-producing countries displays a diminution, Bohemia, with a large advance of 1650 hectares, being the only prominent exception. Nevertheless, enough has by no means been effected to place hop-growing on a satisfactory basis.

INDIAN TEA TRADE.

The following figures of tea exports taken from the Calcutta Customs daily entries and received periodically from Chittagong are issued by the Indian Tea Association:—

Quantity of tea entered for export to United Kingdom for the second-half of December, 1907:—

Calcutta	Black	6,291,925lb
	Green	Nil
Chittagong	Black	641,121lb
	Green	23,200lb

Quantity entered during the corresponding period last year:—

Calcutta	Black	6,467,081lb
	Green	6,850lb
Chittagong	Black	882,318lb
	Green	25,918lb

Total from April 1, 1907, to December 31, 1907:—

Calcutta	Black	104,978,432lb
	Green	39,517lb
Chittagong	Black	39,256,475lb
	Green	491,680lb
	Total	144,767,104lb

Total from April 1, 1906, to December 31, 1906 ....147,898,068lb

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Tea.—Private sales covered 400 packages Indians and Ceylons up to /9¼, and 90 Ceylons at /9. At auction the full catalogue was cleared at satisfactory prices to good competition. Altogether 626 packages of common and medium broken pekoes and pekoe souchongs were disposed of, the prices ranging up to /9¼ per lb. The selling brokers were Messrs. Alfred Harvey and Co., who sold on behalf of Messrs. Claude Healy and Co. (agents for the Colombo Commercial Company, Ltd., and Messrs. Crosfield, Lampard, and Co., Colombo). Two more auction sales will take place to-day.

Groceries.—Operations were confined to distributing lines, and as a rule prices were well maintained. The market for sardines continued firm, with a good deal of inquiry. A few sales were reported of ordinary quarters at 2/7½, while halves sold at 4/9 to 5/. Tinned salmon was in fair request, small lots of Scroll flats being taken on the basis of 9/4½. Holders of all dried fruits were firm, currants realising /5½. Fifty boxes of dates sold at /3½. The demand for sauces, pickles, and other condiments was of average dimensions, and quotations remained unaltered. In candles distributing sales of D.R.J.'s were reported at /7½, while Goudas were placed at /8 and Schiedams at /7½. The market for tinned and preserved fruits was very firm. Jams also were firmly held.

Oils.—This market was very quiet. Quotations were practically unaltered. Small distributing lots of B. and S.'s sold at up to 3/5½ and 3/7½ for raw and boiled respectively, whilst second qualities were scarce and firm at the usual concession of /1. Some further business was reported in denatured China oil at 3/6. The market for castor was exceedingly dull, and some holders would have accepted 3/2. Fish, whale, and cod oils were in fair request, and prices were up to previous levels. Small sales were effected in whitelead at recent rates.

Metals.—Thirty tons of No. 8 German black were sold at £8, and 10 tons of No. 10 at £8/10/, holders, however, asking 2/6 extra for small parcels. In German galvanised wire business was reported in fair parcels at £10/12/6 for No. 8 and £11/5/ for No. 10. American black wire was quiet at £8/10/ to £8/12/6 for No. 8 and £9/2/6 to £9/5/ for No. 10. Second-grade English netting, 42 x 1½ x 17, sold at £33/10/ to £34, being about 10/ below late rates. Cables from London stated that the market there was slightly firmer, and conveyed the information that the bottom had been reached, and the prices were likely to improve. Some business was done in Griffiths' rabbit traps at 9/. Bar iron sold at £10/15/, and shoeing iron at £11/15/. Plain sine lead was placed at 36/ per cwt. Tinplates had further sales at 17/6 spot.

Jute.—Particulars of the January shipment of jute per the Gracchus have been received, as follows:—Cornsacks: Adelaide, 250 bales; Melbourne, 625 bales; Sydney, 50 bales. Woolpacks: Adelaide, nil; Melbourne, 55 bales; Sydney, 650 bales. Branbags: Adelaide, 282 bales; Melbourne, 540 bales; Sydney, 150 bales. A few small sales were reported in cornsacks on the local market at 6/3. Some export business was, however, done at 6/2½. Branbags were in request, 40 bales selling at 4/8. There were some merchants inclined to accept slightly lower figures. Wool packs were nominal at 2/6½.

Spirits.—Key Geneva (16 bottles) was reported to be firmly held at 14/. Lowndes' rum, two years in the wood, was available at 4/3, which price was said to be practically only an equivalent to the cost of the age of the spirit. Despite the scarcity of rum, holders were not asking more than plus interest on the duty paid last year.

The revenue collected at the Customs-house yesterday amounted to £11,870.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 551 bales of wool were manifested to arrive.

BREADSTUFFS.

THE OUTLOOK FOR WHEAT.

There was no particular demand for wheat yesterday. Millers appeared to have their requirements pretty well supplied, and were holding off in the belief that they might be able to replenish stocks at below present values. While, however, there is no export trade in flour they are not likely to need extensive supplies, having already substantial piles of flour to meet the internal demand. The mills are continuing to work broken time, and, the sooner the markets abroad will permit of a revival of an export trade, the better it will be for all engaged in the industry. Meanwhile all markets are being watched. Growers, having long since realised the treachery of wheat, now endeavour to judge the world's outlook for themselves. They are, in many instances, prepared to hold on to their stocks when even pressed to accept ruling rates. Some declined to sell when the price was 4/9. It so happened that they were wrong, but there must always be a last man on top. Others sold at the first indication of the fall, and thus avoided the further decline. The class of growers who are now holding back are those who missed the market—and are hoping to catch it again. Millers, however, rightly or wrongly, incline to the belief that there will be a lower rate yet, and some of them contend that the 20,200 bags to be sold on Tuesday, by tender, will not average more than 4/4 per bushel. We'll see!

Yesterday's values were practically the same as on the previous day, sales, in small parcels, being reported at from 4/4½ to 4/5, according to parcel. Another lot of 500 bags was bought up country at 4/1½—equal to 4/4½ Sydney.

Flour continued very dull, and, rather than let business go, millers were shading quotations. For all small lines, however, £10/10/ was being paid for good city flour. Sales were made of country brands at from £9/15/ to £10/10/.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 925 tons of wheat and 35 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

LOADINGS AND STACKS.

The railway returns show that in the week ended February 6 the total quantity of wheat despatched from country stations was 58,178 bags, made up as follows:—Southern district 25,300 bags, western 27,008, and northern 5875. During the same week the stacks of wheat on railway premises were increased to 506,128 bags, being 54,082 bags more than the previous week. The stacks on February 1 were distributed as follows:—

Station.	No. of Bags.	Station.	No. of Bags.
Stockinbingal	10,900	Corowa	1,400
Temora	43,517	Table Top	2,200
Gidinbung	5,200	Germanton	4,000
Barmedman	5,867	Manildra	4,760
Wyalong	1,900	Parkes	15,400
Illabo	3,748	Bogan Gate	5,750
Old Junee	11,500	Trundle	1,650
Marrar	10,900	Wellington	17,000
Coolamon	27,230	Do., outside fence	30,818
Ganmain	7,753	Gilgandra, outside fence	2,500
Matong	2,150		
Berrigan	20,242	Mumbil, outside fence	1,210
Finley	1,517		
Hay	211	Grurie	3,500
Bomen	2,500	Dubbo	2,000
The Rock	7,000	Narromine	2,700
Milbrulong	4,000	Koorawatha	4,000
Lockhart	10,750	Woodstock	800
Yerong Creek	700	Iandra	36,621
Henty	25,161	Grenfell	13,000
Culcairn	4,800	Cowra	16,063
Walla Walla	8,322	Attunga	1,715
Burrumbuttock	6,512	Manila	13,480
Brocklesby	13,105	Darling Island	74,142
Balldale	12,043		
Hopefield	3,500	Total	506,128

EUROPEAN IMPORTS.

The following shows the total shipments of wheat and flour to Europe during the past week (says "Beerbohm" of December 31), and since August 1 for the past two seasons, with sources of supply:—

	Past Week.	Same week last year.	Total since Aug. 1, 1907.	Total same period last year.
	Qrs.	Qrs.	Qrs.	Qrs.
U.S. and Canada	460,000	295,000	11,320,000	9,540,000
Argentina and Uruguay	4,000	41,000	547,000	1,465,000
Russian and other Black Sea Ports	60,000	250,000	5,210,000	6,445,000
Danubian	34,000	190,000	1,980,000	5,170,000
India	18,000	24,000	2,222,000	1,438,000
Australasia	50,000	15,000	517,000	376,000
Sundries	24,000	20,000	564,000	636,000
Total	650,000	835,000	22,660,000	25,070,000

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

VISIBLE WHEAT SUPPLY.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

The American visible supply of wheat and flour east of the Rockies is estimated by "Bradstreet's" as being equivalent to 64,854,000 bushels of wheat, against 66,525,000 bushels last week, and 79,402,000 bushels last year.

SILVER.

Bar silver is quoted to-day 2/1½ per ounce standard, ⅛d lower.

THE TALLOW SALES.

At the sales of Australian and New Zealand tallow to-day 1454 casks were offered, 1028 were sold. Prices were:—Mutton, fine 33/6, medium 31/; beef, fine 32/6, medium 30/.

METALS.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

Closing quotations were:—

Copper, spot, b £61/17/6, s £62/2/6; three months, b £62/7/6, s £62/12/6—a rise of 17/6 spot and 25/ forward as compared with the previous day.

Electrolytic, spot, £63 a rise of 5/.

Tin, spot, b £129, s £129/10/; three months, b £129/5/, s £129/15/—a rise of 5/ spot and 15/ forward.

Lead, soft foreign, spot, b £14/12/6, s £14/17/6—a fall of 1/6 since February 1.

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., have received from their London house, under yesterday's date, the following cable:—Tallow.—The market is unaltered since our last report. There is a steady demand for fair to good mutton tallow at from 32/ to 32/6 per cwt, and for beef at from 31/ to 31/6 per cwt.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Wheat is quiet and unaltered at 3/9. Flour is dull, £9/10/ to £9/15/. Bran and pollard are steady at 1/2. Fair trade is passing in barley for export to Sydney. Other feed lines are quiet.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Wheat was quiet. About 1100 bags were sold at 4/3. Flour was slow at £10. Bran and pollard sold at 1/2. Malting barley was steady, with demand from Sydney and Brisbane. Good was quoted at 5/7, and prime, scarce, to 5/9. Good malting Cape barley sold at 3/11; prime was worth 4/. Algerian oats were weak at 2/11 to 3/. A small parcel of prime milling sold at 3/1½, but this price was difficult to obtain. Maize was weaker, the best price obtainable being 4/5 f.o.b. A small parcel was placed at 4/4½ ex wharf. Chaff was weak at £4/7/6 to £5/2/6. Potatoes were steady, with slightly better feeling. Best Warrnambool and Colac sold at 42/6 to 45/; Gippsland brought 45/ to 65/; and special lots occasionally higher. New Brown Spanish onions made £5/10/ to £6. Some business was being done for Queensland at £6/5/ f.o.b. Globes were almost exhausted, and quoted nominally up to £5. About 150 packages Ceylon tea sold up to /10½. Ten tons of Nilghiri coffee sold. One hundred boxes American cod were placed. Cornsacks sold at 6/4 to 6/4½. Branbags brought up to 4/10, closing firm. Castor oil, 3/5½ to 3/6.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The following prices were paid for fruit in the Queen Victoria Markets to-day:—Almonds, /8 to /9 lb; apples, 2/6 to 6/6 case; currants, black, /3 to /4 lb; ditto, red, /3 to /4 ditto; figs, 3/ to 3/6 half-case; grapes, 4/ to 10/ case; oranges, imported, 25/ to 27/6 double case; lemons, imported, 25/ to 27/6 ditto; melons, water, 4/ to 6/ dozen; ditto, rock, 3/ to 5/ ditto; nectarines, 2/6 to 3/6 half-case; peaches, 2/6 to 6/6 case; pears, culinary, 2/6 to 3/6, ditto; ditto, dessert, 3/6 to 6/6 ditto; plums, 2/6 to 3/6 ditto; strawberries, /8 to /10; walnuts, /7 to /9.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The "street" was rather quiet, and operations of retailers were on a limited scale. Maize was procurable at 5/, though early sales were made at a penny more. Wheat was very quiet, and the offal market was easy at 1/2. Forage lines were not brisk. Imported chaff moved at late rates. Lucerne was in good supply on the wharf, but the market was weak. Vegetables were unaltered.

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Current quotations were:—

Barley.—Cape, seed 4/6, inferior 4/3 bushel.

Maize.—Prime yellow, 5/; white, 4/11. North Coast, 4/10, 4/11 bus.

Peas.—Blue, 5/6 to 6/; grey, 4/9 to 5/; inferior, 4/3 to 4/6 bus.

Wheat.—Prime milling, 4/5, 4/6.

Chickwheat.—4/5, 4/6; inferior, 4/3.

Oats.—Melbourne: Heavy milling, 3/3 to 3/4. Tasmanian: White, 3/4. Local: Algerian, 3/5 bus.

Bran.—1/2; pollard, 1/2.

FORAGE MARKETS.

Chaff.—Victorian: £5/10/ to £6. Adelaide: £6 to £6/5/. Western Australian: Nominal. Tasmanian: £5/5/ to £5/10/ ton. At auction: Local—Extra prime, £6/10/, good to prime £5/10/ to £6.

Oaten Hay.—Victorian: £6/10/. Adelaide: £5/10/ ton.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: £3/5/. Melbourne: Nominal.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: £4/10/ to £5. At auction: Prime large bales £4/10/, prime small £5.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—£5 to £8. Tasmanian: Redskins, £5/5/ to £5/10/; white, £4; Pinkeyes, £6 to £6/10/. Auction: £5, prime to £6/10/.

Onions.—Victorian: £4 to £4/10/. New local: £4 to £7/10/; Silverskins, £7. Melbourne Globes, £7. Brown Spanish, £7/10/.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Choice butter was very scarce indeed in the "street" on account of the river boats being barbound. Prices, however, were unaltered. London cables report a less excited market, and Melbourne has advanced. The shortage in Sydney is only temporary, for the Northern boats are due to-day. Bacon was still exceptionally scarce, all merchants reporting cleared floors. Cheese sold readily at late rates, and supplies came freely. The egg market was quiet, with prices practically the same.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Special flavoured brands 112/, choice 108/ to 108/, seconds 9/6 to 98/, pastry lines 90/ cwt.

Bacon.—Prime factory, sides /9 to /9½, flitches /9½ to /9, middles /10½ to /10½; special brands, sides /10½, flitches /9½, middles /11½. Hams: In cloth, 1/ to 1/2; special brands, /13½ to 1/2; bagged, 13/½ to /13; special brands, /14½ to 1/3 lb.

Honey.—60lb tins extra choice extracted /3, prime /2½ to /2¾, good /2½, inferior and candied /2.

Beeswax.—Bright, 1/3½ to 1/5, dark, 1/2 to 1/3 lb.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf /7 to /8, good /6½ to /6¾, inferior from /5½; prime large /7 to /7½, good /6½ to /6¾; inferior from /5; special brands, /8½.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders, /7 to /7½; special, /7½; bulk, /6 to /7, special /7½.

Eggs.—Northern rivers, /11 to 1/1, odd choice lots 1/2; Southern and railway, 1/2 to 1/3, choice up to 1/4; new-laid suburban, 1/6 to 1/7; new-laid duck, 1/1 to 1/5 per dozen.

POULTRY.

Supplies were lighter, and a better market was reported. The quality of birds showed signs of improvement. Good young roosters were in better demand.

Late rates were:—

River.—Old hens, 1/9 to 2/3; young roosters, 3/6; chickens, 1/, 1/6; English ducks, 2/ to 2/6; Muscovy, 2/6 to 3/3; drakes, 5/ to 5/6; geese, 5/; goslings, 5/; turkeys, hens 7/ to 8/; gobblers, prime 12/ to 14/; extra heavy to 18/; guineafowls, 4/ to 4/6 pair.

Suburban.—Fowls: Young roosters, 4/, very small kinds 2/, old hens 3/ to 3/3; ducks, English 3/6 to 4/, small 2/6 to 3/, choice 5/; Muscovy, 3/6 to 4/6, choice 5/; drakes, 4/6 to 6/; choice 7/; turkeys, hens 8/ to 10/, choice 11/, small from 4/6; gobblers, 13/ to 15/, prime 17/6, inferior from 8/; geese, 6/; guineafowls, 4/ to 4/6; pigeons, 1/3 to 1/6 pair.

FIREWOOD.

Very good sales were reported from the three auction stations, and prices were higher than for some time. Only about 20 truckloads were yarded, and best boxwood advanced to 16/.

Late rates were:—Boxwood, best 14/6 to 16/, medium 11/6 to 14/; bakers' wood, 11/ to 12/, rough 8/ to 10/; stringybark, 10/6 to 12/; ironbark, 10/6 to 12/ per ton.

AUCTION SALES.

Another moderate sale took place in the railway station goods sheds on Thursday morning. Attendance was about average, and bidding was neither slack nor particularly animated, but rather more than the usual percentage of the produce, e.g., 30 truckloads out of the 43 offered, was sold. Chaff and lucerne hay again made up three-quarters of the consignments yarded. They sold rather slowly, and at weaker rates, but only two consignments of lucerne, and scarcely the usual proportion of chaff, were passed in. Potatoes were still on the market, and a consignment of millet was forward, but neither maize nor oaten hay appeared. The following lots were offered:—Chaff 23, lucerne chaff 3, lucerne hay 12, rye straw 1, millet 1, wheat 1, oats 1, and potatoes 1. Choice cuts of chaff fetched from 6/1 to 6/6, prime from 5/5 to 5/9, medium 4/1 and 4/2, straw chaff 3/4 and 3/6, and medium to good lucerne chaff 3/6 and 4/4 per cwt. Prime large bales of lucerne hay sold at from 3/5 to 4/, and medium small at from 3/10 to 4/4; while a single truckload of prime rye straw was disposed of at 4/5 per cwt. A consignment of medium millet found buyers at £20 per ton. The only truckload of wheat offered, prime chick, realised 4/3, and one of oats was passed in at 2/10 per bushel. Some medium new potatoes changed hands at 4/7 per cwt.

Particulars of sale follow:—

Chaff.—From Moore and Kelly, Iandra, (1036) p 6/3, 5/; (2039) damaged 5/6, (6037) p 5/4, (6434) p 6/5, part *6/5; L. Purcell Woodstock, (6996) 5/, (6201) p 4/11, (8223) p 4/11; Bullock, Wallerawang, (997) 5 bags p 4/11; ex Darling Harbour, (5591) 3/6; ex Woodstock, (1196) 5/5; G. M. Plowman, Gunningbland, (11470) p 6/5, *6/6; Bloomfield, Garland, (2926) p 5/10; Ennus, Lyndhurst, (12038) 6/3; ex Iandra, (3415) p 4/9; Wm. Godfrey, Raglan, (8423) 5/9; Hardwick, Willie Ploma, (7780) 4/2, (6888) 4/1, (6097) 4/1; Conway Bros., Wagga, (4441) 6/1, (8306) 6/4, (422) 6/3; F. Hamblin, Derrain, (5298) 3/4; ex Albury, (669) p 5/5 per cwt.

Lucerne Chaff.—From Jackson, Wallangarra, (3533) 3/6; Long, (12179) 4/4; W. Kelly, Neminghs, (12015) p 3/11 per cwt.

Lucerne Hay.—From Hall Bros., Aberdeen, (12080) 2/8; J. Sage, Moonbi, (11468) 3/11; Linnane Bros., ness, Perth, (10075) 3/10; Brown, Bathurst, (7161) p [illegible] Perth, (10075) 3/10; Brown, Bathurst, (7161) p 3/6; Laidlaw Bros., Moonbi, (1153) 3/11; R. Laidlaw, (7461) 3/11; Herden, Nemingha, (2442) 3/10; O'Brien, (8546) 4/2; A. C. Thompson, (4919) p 4/1; G. Sirus, Nemingha, (2372) 4/ per cwt.

Rye Straw.—From Webb, Tarana, (5573) 4/5 per cwt.

Millet.—From W. H. Dean, Windsor, (283) £20 per ton.

Wheat.—Ex Darling Harbour, (9780) 4/2½ per bus.

Oats.—From Gilling, Cowra, (2818) p 2/10 per bus.

Potatoes.—Ex Darling Harbour, (4325) 20 bags 4/7 per cwt.

An asterisk (*) denotes a private sale.

FRUIT MARKETS.

BATHURST-STREET.

Rather better supplies of plums resulted in a general decline in values of about 1/ all round. Queensland pines were well in evidence. Bananas were scarce, and an advance of /6 for G.Ms. and Chinese was made. Tomatoes were in better supply, and prices eased. Local apricots were about done, but Tasmanians arrived in satisfactory quantities. Williams' pears were much dearer, up to 14/ being quoted. Supplies all round were better than for some days.

Current quotations were:—

Passionfruit.—Local: Choice 5/ to 6/, medium 3/6 to 4/, small 1/6 to 2/6 per half-case.

Pineapples.—Queensland: Queen, 5/ to 6/6; common, choice 3/6 to 4/6, medium 2/6 to 3/ case.

Peanuts.—/3½; walnuts, /7½; Barcelonas, /7½; Lychee, /11 to 1/.

Cocoanuts.—11/ to 12/6 bag.

Oranges.—Italians: 200's, 21/. American: Navel 16/ to 18/ case.

Cucumbers.—Local: Choice 4/ to 5/ per gin-case.

Bananas.—G.M., 11/ to 11/6 per case, 3/ to 7/6 bunch. Chinese: 10/ to 10/6 per case, 2/6 to 5/ per bunch.

Watermelons.—Local: Large 7/ to 9/, medium 5/ to 6/, small 3/ to 4/ per doz.

Rockmelons.—Queensland: 5/ to 6/ double-case.

Lemons.—Choice white 10/ to 11/, good 5/ to 7/6, rough 5/ to 8/6. Italian: 150's, 12/; 180's, 13/. Americans: 300's, 17/6.

Tomatoes.—Local: Choice 4/ to 4/6, medium 2/6 to 3/, small 2/ per box.

Grapes.—Black, choice 5/ to 6/, medium 3/6, small 2/ to 2/6 per box; white, choice 6/, medium 3/, small 2/ to 2/6. Muscatels, black and white, choice 6/ to 7/, medium 5/ to 6/, small 3/ per box.

Mangoes.—Queensland: 5/ to 6/ packer.

Plums.—Angelinas, 6/ to 7/; Pond's Seedlings, 5/ to 6/; Satsumas, 4/6 to 5/; Diamonds, 3/ to 4/; Greengage, 3/ to 4/6; Egg plums, 3/ to 4/6 per box.

Apricots.—Tasmanian: 3/ to 4/6 per half-bushel case.

Peaches.—Slipstones, choice 8/ to 10/, medium 5/ to 6/, small 2/ to 2/6; clingstones, choice 4/6 to 5/, medium 3/, small 1/6 per half-case. Victorians: Elbertas, choice 14/ to 15/; others, 8/ to 10/ per bushel-case.

Pears.—Williams' choice clean 12/ to 14/, medium 7/ to 9/, small 4/ to 5/; China, choice 4/6 to 5/; other sorts, 3/ to 5/ gin-case. Victoria: W.B.C.'s, 10/ to 12/ per bushel-case.

Apples.—Local: Cooking, choice 7/ to 8/, medium 4/ to 5/. Dessert, Trivett's, extra choice 14/ to 18/, choice 10/ to 12/, medium 6/ to 8/, small 3/ to 3/6 per gin-case; Carpenters, choice 12/ to 14/, medium 6/ to [illegible]; Jonathans, choice 12/ to 14/, medium 6/ to 8/ per gin-case; jam lots, 3/.

Quinces.—3/ to 4/ per gin-case.

Nectarines.—Small 2/6 to 3/6, medium 4/ to 5/, choice 8/ to 10/ per box.

PRODUCE ARRIVALS.

The arrivals of maize, oats, chaff, potatoes, and butter by rail and sea for the week ended Tuesday, February 4, together with the totals to date for the year, and the corresponding period of last year, are appended:—

MAIZE.	Coastal. Bags.	By Rail. Bags.	Other States. Bags.
Week's receipts	336	1,936	669
Previous week	1,630	2,256	2,203
Total to date, 1908	4,512	10,846	10,888
Total, 1907	36,706	12,650	1,389
OATS.			
Week's receipts	—	1,428	5,231
Previous week	—	560	2,352
Total, 1908	—	3,565	12,557
Total, 1907	—	10,178	10,305
CHAFF.			
Week's receipts	—	23,400	44,346
Previous week	—	26,550	59,212
Total, 1908	—	102,450	196,611
Total, 1907	—	210,060	80,617
POTATOES.			
Week's receipts	437	1,397	12,529
Previous week	429	4,664	12,966
Total, 1908	4,787	17,981	40,032
Total, 1907	17,888	16,054	17,943

BUTTER.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Kegs.	Boxes.
Week's receipts	15,486	2,013	7	77
Previous week	16,388	2,175	9	—
Total, 1908	79,310	10,690	40	126
Total, 1907	93,471	28,349	100	85

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of February 10, 46 sheep vans and 88 cattle waggons have been ordered; and for that of February 12, 177 sheep vans and 147 cattle waggons.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

Wool sales were held yesterday at the Sydney Wool Exchange, Bridge-street, when the quantity catalogued totalled 8293 bales, and the sales, including private transactions, amounted to 8032 bales, as under:—

Broker.	Offerings.	Sales. At Auction.	Privately, ex-Catalogue.	Privately, un-Catalogued.	Total Sales.
Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.	5060	4378	179	135	4692
New Zealand Loan and M. A. Co., Ltd.	3143	2731	608	1	3340
Total	8203	7109	787	136	8032

The market for the week closed firm for all good wools, and lines of fine quality were, if anything, a shade dearer as compared with last week, whilst competition generally was better, and the demand more widely distributed. Faulty sorts still sold irregularly, and coarse and medium crossbreds have declined 1 per lb. Scoureds, unless special lines, were rather weaker.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., submitted a large and representative selection. In the grease the top price was /13½, paid for 5 AA com of JM/YCK/New England, 31 1st com e making /12½, 13 2nd com /12½, and 53 1st and 2nd com /12, the wool being of deep, well-grown staple, in good condition, and of useful quality. Other sales were:—HS/Green Hills/Adelong, 25 h w e at /13, 6 A w e at /12½, well bred, of good length, in bright, attractive condition; JM/Spring Creek (Dubbo), 20 w at /12½, 38 h e at /11, bright, good length, nice condition; WM/Cargo, 49 h w e at /10, medium length, rather heavy; C. H. Banks/Podman (Burrowa), 9 h e at /12, bright, very light; Bookham (Yass), 5 e at /12¼, 23 h at /12½, 7 e at /12½, 6 w at /12, 28 e at /12½, 24 at /11¾, an attractive wool, dry, good length, well bred; Westbourne (Yass), 29 AA w e at /11¼, 8 AA h w at /10½, good length, sound, nice condition; Pendarves/GMD (Orange), 4 1st com at /12½, 6 1st com at /11½d, good length, nice quality; THR/Millamolong (Blayney), 13 h at /10¾, 11 w e at /10½, 11 e at /10½, good length, fairly dry; Hemsby (Cooma), 25 A cbk at /11½, 16 B cbk at /10½, fine comeback, in good condition; Eurimbura/SHB (Reid's Flat), 34 h w e at /11½, fine, nice length, fair condition; AMcC/Armidale/New England, 7 h at /12½, 32 w e at /12½, good length, fine, soft, free, attractive condition; MMcC/Armidale/New England, 14 h w e at /12½, good length, nice condition; R/Bell (in dis.)/New England, 58 h w e at /11¼, good quality, nice condition, few short fleeces; CWD/Lochenfeld/New England, 8 com w at /11½, 7 clo w at /11, dry, good quality, medium length; GAW (in oblong)/Wellington Dale/Carroba, 26 com at /10½, 24 at /9½, medium length, dry, slightly skirty; AA/Tarana, 24 w at /10½, good length, fair condition; JB/Little Plain (Burrowa), 26 w h at /11½, 26 e at /11, good length, fair quality, good condition; SB/Walcha/New England, 18 h w e at /11½, good length, nice quality; CJ/A (Tumut), 8 h e at /11½, free, good quality, attractive condition; FJ/R (Tumut), 5 h e at /11¼, good quality, dry; DH/Hillside (Inverell), 30 h w e at /10½, good length, touched with burr; PB on side/Tarcutta (Adelong), 15 h w at /11, bright, good quality and condition; JWM/Allandale (Cootamundra), 8 A h e at /10½, 6 A and B w at /10, good length, dusty; AC/New England, 11 h w e at /11½, part good length, good condition; SF/Wolkara (Brewarrina), 7 1st lbs at /9½, 4 2nd lbs at /7½, good length, dry; EB/Tuggranong (Queanbeyan), 7 h at /11½, well grown, good quality and condition; NHM/Oxley (Tumut), 7 cbk at /11, useful quality, good condition; JE (Orange), 11 h at /11½, 21 w e at /11½, good length, sound; AMR/Caninside/NE, 27 h w e at /11, short, fine, dry; WM/Yass, 9 h w e at /11½, good quality, fair length, rather heavy; JS/Little Ben/Range/New England, 24 h w e at /11½, good quality, dry, rather short; WB/S/New England, 7 at /11, good quality, fair length, good condition; H/New England, 4 A com at /11½, good quality, medium length; WH/New England, 8 AA at /11, bright, fine, dry. Scoured: Delegate/ (side ways)/WW/Scoured in circle (Bombala), 66 A at /18½, good quality, bulky; PPP/Inglewood (Walgett), 16 1st com passed in at /18, bulky, fair colour, 22 1st clo sold at /16¾, bulky clothing, dull.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Ltd., offered a catalogue which, with the exception of a few lines of scoured oddments, was comprised of greasy wools, the selection including a few good lines, whilst the great bulk consisted of only medium lines, some being dust stained, and showing the effects of the hard season. In the grease the highest price was 13d, obtained for lines of Plumthorpe (Barraba) and JC/M in dia/Raeburn (Breadalbane), as detailed below. The principal sales in the grease were:—KW/Rocky (Barraba), 10 A h at /10½, 13 A at /10½, 4 h at /10½, good quality, faily good condition, mostly only fair staple; SS/New England (Gunnedah), 30 at /8¾, 12 1st pcs at /7½, good quality, fair staple, dusty tip, few burrs; TRE (Orange), 16 at /12, 26 A e at /11½, 14 A w at /11, fine, soft, good staple, bright, carrying a fair amount of condition; Burren Burren (Narrabri), 13 A com at /9, 12 A com w at /8½, good quality, mostly good staple, dust stained, heavy condition, some burr; Beemery (Bourke), 6 A lbs at /9½, 6 B lbs at /8½, fine, soft, fair staple, rather dusty; Plumthorpe (Barraba), 9 A h at /13, 7 A h at /12½, 13 B h at /11½, 22 at /10, fine, soft, fairly good staple, bright, good condition; ABT/WP (Cootamundra), 5 1st com at /10, 5 1st clo at /11, 9 1st clo at /9½, good quality and staple, fair condition, rather dust stained; J&WW/Fairlight (Queanbeyan), 4 clo e at 10½d, 18 B com at /9½, fine, soft, good staple, bright; JMD/Uriarra (Queanbeyan), 61 A h e at /11½, 13 B h w e at /10¾, fine fairly good staple, bright, rather fatty; MD conj/Hill Station, 16 C h e at /10½d, 14 at /10, fine, mostly good staple, bright, fair condition, part tender; WJ/CF (Nimitybelle), 5 A h at /8, 45 A at /7¾, 8 A w at /8, good quality and staple, poor condition, dust-stained, showing effects of the hard season; JC/M in dia/Raeburn (Breadalbane), 15 AA h at /13, 11 AA e at /12¾, 8 AA w at /12¾, 9 C h w e at /12½, 9 AAA e at /12, fine, good staple, bright, good condition, well got up; HBC/Stirling (Inverell), 7 1st h at /11¼, 11 w e at /10¾, 8 at /10½, fine, soft, good staple, fair condition, dusty tip; CLS/Woodstock/New England, 7 A com at /11, 5 1st at /10½, 29 at /9, fine, mostly good staple, bright, irregular in condition; ABT/W/Goulburn, 7 sup com at /12½, 13 1st com at /11½, 7 A com at /11½, 12 sup clo at /11½, fine, soft, bright, fairly good staple and condition; WC/Scone, 8 at /10, 3 at /9½, good quality and staple, fairly good condition; Mount View/VV in cir/Barraba, 10 h e at /11½, fine, soft, bright, good staple, irregular in condition; FGD (Molong), 15 AA at /10¾, fine, mostly good staple, irregular in condition.

WOOL SALES.

GEELONG, Thursday.

The sales were practically brought to a close to-day, when the total offerings amounted to 6905 bales, of which Dalgety and Co. offered 2501 bales, and sold 2249. Compared with last week, good merinos were firm, comebacks and fine crossbred were slightly in buyers' favour, and medium and coarse lots show no improvement from the low rates ruling at the last sales. Our top price was secured for Goodwood, a bright, well-grown comeback, 15 sup at /15.

HOMEBUSH STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S SALES.

SHEEP.

There was a much lighter supply for a Thursday's pennings than of late; 27,711 sheep, including lambs, were balloted for sale, and 25,536 were forward, from 106 consignors. The sheep comprised a better selection than on Monday last, which was below the average. There was a fair representation of good to prime merino wethers and ewes, but medium and light were still in evidence; there was a good sprinkling of crossbreds, that ranged from very medium and light to prime and heavy. The usual buyers were in attendance, including exporters and the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Limited. As the supply was well within the demand, the market opened to brisk bidding at last Monday's values, improving in some cases beyond the extreme rates then ruling. This tone prevailed throughout, and closed strong in sellers' favour. Quotations:—Prime merino w, 15/ to 16/6; extra prime to 17/ to 18/, a few to 19/; odd pens of woolly to 18/3; good merino w 12/ to 13/6; medium merino w 7/6 to 10/; prime merino e 13/6 to 14/6; good merino e 11/ to 12/6; medium 7/ to 9/; prime xb w 16/6 to 18/6; extra prime 19/6 to 20/3; good xb w and h 13/6 to 15/; medium xb w and h 10/ to 12/; prime xb e 15/ to 16/9; good xb e and h 12/6 to 14/; medium 8/6 to 10/6; inferior 6/6 to 7/6. Sales:—

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—J. Grant, Holmwood, 17 xb w 13/2, 16 e 8/6; T. Durack, Tarana, 19 xb e 15/10, 45 e 8/4; R. D. Cruickshank, junr., Warialda, 60 e 9/8; C. B. Crowley, Moree, 768 w 14/4 to 14/5, 80 14/, 126 16/; H. C. Holmes, Merrywinebone, 453 w 13/6; Estate late M. Marshall, Gular, 916 w 12/11, 174 14/8 to 14/11, 81 11/4; E. Vickery and Sons, Eton, 631 w 16/ to 16/1, 305 17/9 to 18/; N. Z. and A. L. Co., Breeza, 275 w 15/11 to 16/, 84 14/4, 44 10/6, 136 17/2; Stephenson Bros., Warialda, 98 w 14/3; E. O'Neill, Merrywinebone, 191 e 14/6, 91 w 14/2; Davies and Kershaw, Mt. Horeb, 283 e 9/3, 126 7/6 to 8/, 100 xb e 10/3 to 10/5, 57 11/; J. Duffy, Kooroowatha, 90 w 12/, 10 10/8; J. Jardine and Co., Cooma, 81 r 9/5; Clifton estate, Scott's siding, 80 xb e 14/9, 10 15/6; Dr. Fitzpatrick, 37 r 8/; W. Richardson, Adelong, 107 w 13/9, 120 11/9, 80 r 8/; V. J. Holcombe, Meran, 80 w 12/8, 102 10/6; T. S. and J. Banks, Brocklesby, 80 w 13/1, 41 e 11/1; F. Pertzel, Milbrulong, 60 w 13/4, 32 r 9/11; J. Atkins, Warialda, 92 e 14/1 to 14/3; C. J. Clapperton and Son, Lockhart, 121 e e 13/6, 90 e 11/3; S. Woods, Moree, 87 e 13/9, 107 w 14/; J. Gibbs, Wagga, 259 w 11/, 140 8/5, 46 xb h 13/11 to 14/4, 54 11/9.

J. C. Young and Co.—W. H. Cobb, Lyndhurst, 124 w 9/6, 44 8/6, 32 e 10/11.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—W. M. Rothery, Waugoola, 118 r 8/4, 32 h r 7/6; R. Dowling, Gunning, 24 w 14/2, 76 11/; Osborne and Osborne, Aberdeen, 90 e 9/8.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—J. and F. M'Evoy, 94 xbd w 19/1, 41 17/7, 104 xbd e 16/9, 87 15/2, 74 e 14/2; J. Alford, 6 xbd e 16/3, 7 xbd w 15/8, 85 w 14/1 to 14/4, 110 13/2; J. B. Ewens, 93 w 13/7, 19 e 12/3, 87 w 11/3; J. Anderson, 143 w 12/10, 59 10/7; R. Smith, 48 e 12/7; J. M'Donald, 85 w 12/3; J. Hills, 73 w 11/10, 70 8/10 to 9/1, 67 e 7/1; Horne and Burge, 47 w 11/10 to 12/, 55 e 10/1 to 10/2.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—Southern agents, Walla, 161 w 13/7 to 13/11, 430 12/1 to 12/7; H. W. Stoughton, Roslyn, 52 xbd w 13/2, 83 xbd e 10/8, 72 e 8/; H. Osborne, Bungendore, 46 xbd w 20/1, 79 17/6, 63 16/10 to 17/1; R. A. Marsden, Blayney, 78 w 12/9, 11 xbd w 12/, 14 xbd e 11/6, 5 e 10/4; Southern agents, Walla, 172 r 12/2.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—W. F. Buchanan, Narrabri, 120 w 16/6 to 16/7, 150 15/9 to 16/2, 127 14/11, 28 e 16/, 46 14/5, 5 xbd 19/; W. S. Perry, 177 e 13/, 123 11/ to 11/2; J. J. Campbell, 36 xbd w 16/9, 80 15/6, 78 xbd e 15/, 74 13/8, 57 w 12/7, 84 10/5; W. H. Perry, 57 e 12/10 to 12/11, 21 11/5.

New Zealand L. and M. A. Company, Limited.—Murringo Station, 120 w 15/5 to 15/6, 124 13/8 to 13/9, 51 12/2.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—R. Campbell, 301 w 13/4, 182 14/8 to 14/11, 56 11/2, 110 r 11/; W. Handcock, 5 xb w 11/8, 40 w 8/6, 18 xb e 6/2; T. J. Leadbeater, 63 w 15/3, 25 15/; F. W. Fraser, 5 xb w 17/3, 37 13/7, 35 w 11/ to 11/9, 75 xb e 11/5 to 11/6, 22 e 10/7.

Weaver and Perry.—W. Onus, Gravesend, 104 w 16/2 to 16/3, 176 15/3; A. F. C. Rogerson, Delungra, 200 w 14/3 to 14/5, 250 12/7 to 12/10; W. E. Frost, Crookwell, 49 e 10/7, 64 8/9, 5 h 10/; J. A. Cunningham, Roslyn, 45 w 12/10 to 13/, 70 11/7; Friend Bros, Binalong, 90 w 15/ to 15/2, 210 12/10 to 13/5.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—J. Rutherford, Kelso, 157 w (woolly) 18/3, 20 17/3; F. A. Parbury, Scone, 36 xb e 16/, 64 C w 15/, 10 xb e 14/1, 48 C e 13/5; — Tanswell, Narromine, 5 xb w 20/6, 10 xbds 17/9, 15 e and w 16/; G. J. Skinner, Gular, 10 w 15/, 43 e 13/3, 33 11/6; J. Perry, Warren, 26 C e 13/7, 34 11/; Ostini Bros., Mullion Creek, 138 w 10/5 to 10/8, 54 9/; F. Healey, 54 w and e 8/2; G. J. Cross, 33 w 11/4, 7 e 8/3.

Maiden Bros.—E. Battye, Wattamandara, 10 w 19/, 118 17/ to 17/1, 61 15/; C. Wall, Narrabri, 23 xbd w 18/6, 48 w 16/4 to 16/10, 104 15/9, 9 h 13/; Richardson and Richardson, Attunga, 145 w 16/10 to 17/2, 52 15/3, 9 xbd e 13/9, 12 e 13/1; C. Marino, Young, 82 w 15/11, 12 14/4; H. Price, Crookwell 20 w 16/5, 88 14/9, 98 12/5 to 12/10; Anderson Bros., 191 w (w.y.), 15/6, 59 13/7; H. Campbell, 82 w 15/6, 52 13/4; S. Stinson, 14 xbd w 15/3, 30 e 12/; J. O'Brien, 57 w 14/9, 26 12/6, 12 e 12/; Britton Bros., Uralla, 208 w 14/7, 77 13/4; J. Gardiner, Manilla, 23 w and e 14/3 to 14/7, 41 e 11/10, 19 e h 11/6, 17 e 9/8; W. E. Davison, 239 w 13/9, 116 11/1, 53 e 11/6; E. J. Dunley, 69 xbd w h 13/ to 13/3, 35 xbd e h 13/; P. J. Ryan, 20 e 13/6; Mrs. Halse, Gurley, 189 e 12/11, 113 10/5; F. Quinn, 37 w 12/1, 55 8/8; A. T. Creswick, 450 e 10/3 to 10/7, 182 8/4 to 8/9; W. Lyons, 108 w 10/, 86 7/6; R. Hamilton, Illabo, 165 e 10/, 46 9/1; H. King, 46 w 9/6, 56 8/7; T. Cameron, 88 e 8/10; J. Whitton, 173 w 9/5 to 9/9, 300 e 6/5 to 6/9, 132 w 4/10; Southern agents, 22 w 6/6.

LAMBS.

There was a full supply of lambs proportionately to the sheep penned. The bulk of the pennings comprised good, useful trade sorts—both crossbred and merino—with odd pens of prime, and a sprinkling of medium and light. Competition was free, and values were firmer than previous rates. Quotations:—Prime lambs, 12/ to 13/; extra prime, 14/ to 15/; a few to 16/8; good suckers and shorn lambs, 8/6 to 10/; medium, young, and light, 5/ to 7/.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—Munro, 19 9/3, 38 8/1; J. Grant, 10 12/2, 39 9/, 5 11/5, 14 10/2; T. Durack, 28 9/4, 10 12/; R. D. Cruickshanks, junr., 77 11/6, 78 10/; D. H. Allan, 74 12/3 to 12/4, 66 14/10 to 15/, 33 11/1, 8 16/8; J. R. Harper, 50 12/6; J. Pratley, 233 8/10 to 9/3, 127 7/11; Davies and Kershaw, 108 10/2, 94 9/ to 9/2, 39 7/10.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—J. M'Clymont, 50 14/8, 24 13/6, 76 12/6, 49 12/8, 100 12/5; Horne and Burge, 8 9/4; J. M'Donald, 87 10/10 to 11/, 45 9/6; J. Muir, 36 8/7 to 8/9; 15 8/6, 20 7/1; R. Smith, 13 10/3; R. H. Caldwell, 16 7/2, 26 7/1.

Weaver and Perry.—C. Macintyre, Delungra, 43 13/10 to 14/, 61 13/; H. York, 52 13/6, 48 12/5; J. W. McCallum, 65 10/6, 106 8/6 to 8/10, 20 7/7.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—H. Warburton, 52 11/, 52 9/1; H. W. Slaughton, 64 10/2, 14 8/6.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—A. B. Smith, 45 16/1 to 16/4, 30 15/3, 16 13/7; W. B. Perry, 270 9/4 to 9/7, 223 7/6 to 7/7, 90 6/11 to 7/1; W. H. Perry, 20 12/3.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—Mac. S. Kennedy, 81 11/6, 46 8/11 to 9/; F. W. Fraser, 97 11/1 to 11/2, 42 9/6; W. Hancock, 106 9/3 to 9/9, 37 7/8; D. R. Kennedy, 62 9/, 40 7/6; T. J. Leadbeater, 12 7/6.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—R. R. Doyle, 61 13/5, 31 11/1; M. J. Murphy, 116 13/1 to 13/3, 77 13/, 97 12/1 to 12/2; F. A. Parbury, 10 13/; Tanswell, 20 13/3, 21 10/1, 21 9/4; Jas. Perry, 25 11/2, 12 8/11; T. H. Rowlands, 80 10/9, 21 9/8; E. A. and R. Doyle, 115 10/3, 125 8/9; D. P. Cullen, 9 10/8; F. Hearley, 21 6/7.

Maiden Bros.—Richardson and Richardson, 43 12/9 to 13/, 34 11/, 25 9/6; P. J. Ryan, 56 13/ to 13/1, 137 11/9, 12 11/8; H. Campbell, 45 12/4; S. Stinson, 54 12/11, 10 11/5; John Godfry, 42 12/11, 37 12/3, 24 9/5 to 10/; R. Hamilton, 24 10/; J. Gardiner, 22 9/, 44 8/11, 10 8/; I. G. Grant, 99 9/9, 81 6/1, 47 8/11; E. R. B. Parker, 74 8/2, 46 6/8; J. Whitton, 124 5/.

CATTLE.

Upwards of 1083 cattle were advised for sale, and 1080 head were forward, from 38 consignors. The consignments included one line of 205 head from Queensland (Durham Downs). Those from this State were mainly from the north and south, with odd lots from the south. There was a large proportion of good, useful-quality bullocks and steers, with a moderate representation of prime handy weights. Prime heavy local cattle were scarce. About 160 cows and heifers were included in the yardings; chiefly fair to good quality, with odd yards of prime and extra prime. The usual buyers were present, and as the supply of good quality was not beyond trade requirements the market opened to active competition at last Monday's firm rates, improving as the sales progressed for odd yards of choice light bullocks equal to 10/ per head; medium descriptions, however, moved in buyers' favour. Quotations:—Yards of prime bullocks, £11 to £12; yards of prime light bullocks and steers, £9/10/ to £10/10/; yards of good bullocks and steers, £7 to £8/10/; yards of medium and light steers, £4 to £6; yards of prime cows, £7 to £8; yards of extra prime cows, £8/10/ to £9/15/; odd choice beasts, to £10/12/; yards of good cows and heifers, £5/10/ to £6/10/; yards of medium and light cows and heifers, £3/10/ to £4. Best light beef, 29/ to 30/, and prime weighty beef 25/ to 26/ per 100lb.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—P. McAlister, Wagga, 30 bullocks and steers to £9/10/, averaging £8/1/9, 10 cows and heifers to £7, averaging £6/1/; W. B. Perry, Narromine, 6 heifers to £7, averaging £4/9/2, 5 steers to £5/4/, averaging £4/19/5; G. F. Payne, 8 bullocks and steers to £8/11/, averaging £7/6/5.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—Manchee Bros., Binnegruy, 40 bullocks to £10/6/, avg £9/16/7, 10 cows to £5/10/, avg £5/9/4; R. H. Dangar, Whittingham, 24 cows to £6/8/, avg £6; T. Ellis, Aberdeen, 54 bullocks to £8/15/, avg £8/0/11, 58 cows to £6/16/, avg £6/7/; A. H. T. and W. Davidson, Germanton, 56 bullocks to £7/15/, avg £6/16/4; Mr. Brennan, 23 bullocks and steers to £8/11/, avg £7/13/7, 12 cows at £6/16/.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—Southern agents, Wagga, 52 steers to £5/14/, avg £5/9/4.

A. M'Ilree and Co.—A. J. Rial, Carrathool, 11 bullocks at £7/11/, 8 steers to £5/16/, avg £5/10/6, 14 heifers to £5/12/, avg £5/1/9; J. Wilson, 4 cows to £7/5/, avg £5/14/3.

William Inglis and Son.—Northern agents, 11 cows and heifers to £8, avg £5/10/9; Southern agents, 18 cows and heifers to £6/5/10, avg £5/13/6.

Hill, Clark and Co.—G. L. Dowe, Manilla, 33 bullocks to £9/10/, avg £8/18/2; Southern agents, 20 bullocks and stags to £7/18/, avg £6/19/4, 4 cows at £4/8/; G. W. Roberts, Harden, 11 bullocks to £9/6/, avg £8/15/10; W. Bowering, Young, 5 steers at £7/10/, 4 cows to £8, avg £7/2/9; Southern agents, 5 steers and heifers to £7/14/, avg £5/18/5, 9 calves to £2/15/, avg £2/3/10.

J. C. Young and Co.—D. Jurd, Moree, 8 bullocks and steers to £10/8/, avg £9/15/9, 2 cows at £9/11/.

Maiden Bros.—H. King, 8 bullocks to £13/2/, avg £7/18/9, 42 steers and heifers to £6/16/, avg £5/12/4; J. J. Garry, 9 bullocks to £11/13, avg £9/17/10, 2 cows to £9/1/, avg £8/12/6; W. King, 7 (mixed) to £8/8/, avg £5/2/; E. King, 2 heifers £4/5/, avg £2/17/6; S. E. Vidler, Crookwell, 14 (mixed) to £4/2/, avg £2/5/6.

New Zealand L. and M. A. Co., Ltd.—T. Keele, Tumut, 11 bullocks to £11/1, avg £8/17/9.

Weaver and Perry.—Durham Downs station, Q., 202 bullocks to £11/11, avg £10/12/4, 2 cows to £10/1/, avg £9/7/6; R. Capel, Warialda, 16 bullocks to £12, avg £11/10/8, 22 cows to £9/15/, avg £8/7/1, 3 calves to £7/18/, avg £5/10/8; J. F. Maclin, Bungendore, 12 bullocks to £8/9/, avg £7/16/4, 19 cows to £6/19/, avg £5/3/6.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—D. Mackenzie, 46 bullocks to £11/12/, avg £10/9/6.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—Northern agents, 1 cow £10/6/, 8 heifers to £6/4/, avg £5/9/1, 5 yearlings to £3/10/, avg £3/3/9; Allen Bros., 12 steers to £5/12/, avg £5/9/8.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—Ben M. Osborne, 12 bullocks to £11/14/, avg £10/2/6, 12 cows to £10/12/, avg £9/5/4.

CITY YARDS.

William Inglis and Son's Live Stock Report.—Milch cows: 54 yarded, consisting mostly of medium quality and some choice heifers. There was a fair attendance of buyers, but competition was dull for all descriptions, with the exception of choice quality, which sold well; but medium and inferior sorts were dull of sale, and prices lower. Best made to £14, good £8 to £10, medium £6 to £7, inferior £3 to £4. Fat pigs: On Tuesday about 800 penned, the bulk being porkers, with a good many baconers and some backfatters. The usual buyers were in attendance, and competed very freely, all classes selling exceptionally well. We sold 86, best backfatters making to £7, others £3/15/ to £5/15/; heavy baconers to £3/18/, good to £3/5/, others 48/ to 55/; prime heavy porkers to 38/, good to 33/6, light to 28/, others 18/ to 24/. Fat calves: On Wednesday 97, and on Thursday 44, yarded, being the smallest week's supply for a long time. Those forward were a very inferior lot, chiefly small and young. The demand was strong, all offering selling very dear. We sold 53, best making 70/, good to 28/, medium to 40/, others 30/ to 35/; best bobbies to 30/, good to 20/, others 10/ to 18/.

Ellis and Co. report, City Corporation Yards and their Railway Stock Saleyards:—Milch cows, £4/10/ to £13 each; fat cows, £6 to £9/18/. Fat calves: We sold 28. Yearlings, prime realised 75/, choice extra weighty 95/; vealers, prime 50/, choice 61/, medium 38/, light 28/, small 21/; others from 6/ each. Fat pigs: We sold 79. Baconers 50/ to 80/, backfatters 88/ to 120/; porkers, light 18/, medium 28/, weighty 38/, suckers 5/ to 10/ each. Store pigs: Unsaleable.

Maiden Bros. sold 205 pigs, realising £6/5/6 for backfatters, £4/2/6 for baconers, and £1/18/ for porkers.

Hill, Clark, and Co. sold 265 pigs, and 96 calves at full rates.

Joseph Leeds and Co. sold 150 fat pigs at a high range of prices; also 85 calves.

J. C. Young and Co. sold 252 fat pigs and 97 calves. Winchcombe, Carson, and Co. and Pitt, Son, and Badgery also conducted successful sales.

BLACKTOWN YARDS.

A. McIlree and Co. offered at the Blacktown Saleyards 220 head of bullocks, steers, heifers, cows, and springers, and sold the bulk of them privately at an advance of quite 5s per head on prices bid at auction.

STATION PRODUCE SALES.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Ltd.; John Bridge and Co., Ltd.; Dalgety and Co., Ltd.; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.; Hill, Clark, and Co.; New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd.; Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.; Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.; Schute, Bell, and Co.; and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report:—Tallow: Prime and medium sorts ruled firm, while good tallows were rather weaker. Inferior sorts advanced 5/ per ton. Quotations: Prime, £27/10/ to £28; good, £26/10/ to £27/5/; medium, £25 to £26/5/; inferior, £19 to £24/10/; broken packages, £15 to £23. 372 casks were offered, and 224 sold.

Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—All descriptions realised about late rates. Quotations: Horsehair sold to /24½ per lb, cowhair to /14¾, stumps to /8¾, ordinary shankbones to £4/5/ per ton, knuckles to £4, ordinary hoofs to £3/10/, hide pieces to £10, sinews to £29, horns to 65/ per 100, beeswax to /14½ per lb.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, City and Suburban Properties.

CLARKE and SOLOMONS.—At Tennyson, Crown-road East, Manly, at 11, Cottage Residence.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At the Rooms, at 10.30, Jewellery, Pianos, Violin, Paintings, Cash Register, Furniture, etc.

V. H. KELSON.—At 5 Victoria Arcade, at 3, Contents of Luncheon and Tea Rooms, etc.

FRASER, UTHER, and CO.—At the Mart, at 12, Teas.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Blankets, etc.; at 3, Jewellery, etc.

CLARKE and SOLOMONS.—At Tennyson, Crown-road East, Queenscliff, Manly, at 11, Violin, Watercolours, Bronzes, Carpets, Sewing Machine, Furniture, etc.

A. EDGAR.—At 60 Stanley-street, Hyde Park, at 11, Piano, Carpets, Furniture, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 2, Ironmongery, Fancy Goods, Cutlery, Books, etc.; at 3, Clothing, Millinery, Furniture, etc.

H. LEVY.—At 12 Rose-street, Darlington, at 11, Carpets, Furniture, etc.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At the Rooms, at 11, Pianos, Gas Stoves, Furniture, etc.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, and HAWKINS.—At the Rooms, Burwood, at 11, Violin, Carpets, Clocks, Cutlery, Furniture, etc.; at 12, Pianos.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

G. MOXHAM and CO.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Railway Yards, at 1, Vealers, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Honey, Poultry, etc.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At their Rooms and Yards, at 1, Sucking Pigs, Pork, etc.; at 2, Eggs, Butter, Bacon, etc.; at 2.30, Poultry, etc.

C. J. TURNER.—At the Rooms, at 1.15, Ducklings, Chicks, etc.; at 1.30, Eggs, Poultry etc.

HORSES VEHICLES AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Bazaar, at 10.30, 11.15, and 12, Horses, Vehicles, and Harness; at Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. BARNETT and PUGH.—At Howard-street, off George-street West, at 11, Building Materials, etc.

RAW WITH ECZEMA.

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In this week's issue of the "Sydney Mail" the famous English sporting writer, "Thormanby," writes entertainingly of "Sportsmen of the Bench and Bar."—Advt.

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REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S OFFICES.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works commenced an inquiry yesterday concerning the proposal to erect commodious buildings at Chancery-square for the purposes of the Registrar-General's Department.

Mr. W. J. Hanna, Under-Secretary for Public Works, read an official statement concerning the proposal. He emphasised the necessity for providing better housing accommodation for the Registrar-General's staff, owing to the inadequacy of the present offices in Elizabeth-street. In 1905 partial relief had been afforded by the erection of a building in Chancery-square, which was planned to eventually become the central portion of a properly designed and equipped Registrar-General's office. The cost of this portion of the building was £7198. The design of the new building now submitted would necessitate an entire re-arrangement of this temporary accommodation. Recently the Registrar-General had again forcibly drawn attention to the urgent necessity for further space, pointing out that the limit had almost been reached, and that the branches were carrying on business under conditions of extreme inconvenience, whilst the records were exposed to grave risks from fire. The design of the new building as submitted provided for the convenience of the public, the safe custody of records, deeds, etc., and economy of administration and simplicity of arrangement. The estimated cost of erecting a building according to the design, exclusive of the northern facade, but including the remodelling of the interior of the existing portion, would be approximately £65,676. In addition the necessary steel fittings would cost approximately £7500; but this latter amount would be extended over a number of years, and the fittings would be added to as required.

Mr. W. L. Vernon, Government Architect, also gave evidence regarding the plans submitted.

The inquiry will be continued this afternoon.

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS.

Part of the scheme under which the £40,000 per year set apart for additions to teachers' salaries was disbursed was that the schools should be reclassified, and the number of classifications reduced from ten to seven classes. The object was to leave the teacher of a school in the centre of an uncertain and shifting population less at the mercy of his scholars so far as his salary was concerned. The reduction of the number of classifications necessarily widens the margin below which the attendance must not go if his salary is to remain untouched. To make a teacher's pay dependent upon the number of scholars who removed from his district to some other was obviously unfair, and while under the new arrangement the same principle will apply its operation will be confined, because of the greater latitude allowed. The classification as first published is based on the following scheme:—First-class schools, average attendance of 600 and over; second-class, 400 and under 600; third-class, over 200 and under 400; fourth-class, 50 and under 200; fifth-class, 30 and under 50; sixth-class, 20 and under 30; seventh-class, under 20. Formerly if the attendance fell below the necessary average for one quarter the teacher's salary was reduced. Under the new arrangement the classification will hold good if in any two quarters in the year the average is maintained; and should the attendance not be maintained the teacher will be removed as soon as possible to a school where he will be entitled to his proper salary. The classification will be made each year.

WANSTEAD'S WATER SUPPLY.

Last night an open-air meeting was held at Wanstead, about half a mile from Tempe railway station. The subject under discussion was the inadequate water supply and the inability of the residents to fix up the matter with the Water and Sewerage Board. Mr. Varney Parkes, M.L.A., presided, and there was a large attendance of residents. The estimate of the board to connect Wanstead with the water supply is £930. Interest on this, about £50, would be guaranteed by consumers individually, but it seems that the board wants but three responsible bondsmen.

Mr. Parkes pointed out that the people of Wanstead had suffered greatly during the water famine of the past five months. Water had to be carted round for the residents, although the metropolitan supply was but half a mile distant. The residents had approached the board, which blocked them with officialism.

Mr. Finley McInnes, president of the local progress association, Mr. F. Holford, hon. sec., Aldermen Barnes and McCulloch and Mr. Huber also addressed the meeting. The following resolution was carried unanimously:—

"That this meeting protests strongly against the action of the Water and Sewerage Board denying an adequate water supply to Wanstead, and that suburban councils interested in the matter co-operate in order to secure redress."

It was arranged that an influential deputation should wait on the Minister for Works next Thursday, with the view of getting Wanstead's wrongs righted.

The meeting passed a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Parkes, in whose electorate Wanstead is situated.

NORTH SHORE BRIDGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The time has come when the building of the North Shore Bridge is no longer a question of pecuniary convenience or technical quibbles, but one of urgent necessity in the cause of humanity; in short, the prevention of an impending and an inevitable catastrophe. Every day we discern more legibly the handwriting on the wall in the shape of press prognostications, the increase of population and shipping traffic, the dense fogs which shroud our harbour, and the terrific gales such as that which created consternation last Saturday night.

We must admit that the ferries company deserve great praise for the manner in which they grapple, alas, powerlessly, with the problem of the ever-increasing traffic.

A short time ago the above traffic narrowly escaped dislocation through the coal strike, and yet this state of things does not inspire the leaders of public opinion to insist on the immediate construction of the bridge.

Let us not by our procrastination immortalise "the construction of the North Shore Bridge" as an "in memoriam" erected over a national calamity.

I am, etc.,

J. KNIGHT SMITH.

Feb. 2.

COMPETITIVE DESIGNS—LONDON AND SYDNEY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have not the slightest personal interest in the designs for the North Shore bridge, which were obtained on the representation of a former Government under three unprecedentedly arduous competitions. Your cable columns, however, this morning contain an item which shows up in great contrast the treatment accorded to successful aspirants in London and Sydney. A Mr. Knott, we are informed, is to receive a commission of £38,000 for designs of a hall for the London County Council, to cost £850,000.

Some thirty or forty designs were supplied for North Shore bridges, to cost from three-quarters of a million to over three millions sterling, and after nearly four years of work one was approved and recommended for adoption, but as far as the records show not only has no commission yet been paid or contract accepted, but (probably owing to change of Government) the competitors, who are variously estimated to have supplied from £60,000 to £100,000 worth of designs, have not even yet had their labours officially acknowledged. Truly we have much to learn and do if our authorities are to stand before the world as honourable as their British confreres.

I am, etc.,

ARCHITECT.

Feb. 3.

QUIRINDI AND EAST KANGALOON.

R. Lancaster, Quirindi, N.S.W., writes:—"I have much pleasure in testifying to the efficacy of Dr. Sheldon's Magnetic Liniment, having used it for a severe sprain."

Mr. F. S. Amos, East Kangaloon, N.S.W., writes:—"I have used Dr. Sheldon's Magnetic Liniment for sprains and scalds, and other pains, and find it to be very good."

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The postponed meeting of the Rosehill Racing Club was carried through yesterday, and there was a large attendance considering it was an off day. The results were rather in favour of backers, as three favourites were successful, while two of the other winners were well supported. The only competitor that came to the bookmakers' assistance was Dresden, who started at 12 to 1, and just got home in the Granville Stakes. Even this was not of much assistance to some, for the Ruenalf filly had been laid at longer prices.

Small fields were the rule at Rosehill yesterday, and only a quartette were saddled for the February Stakes. North Head was immediately elected favourite, the bookmakers taking a shade of odds at the opening of business. However, strong support for Felicia caused the Grafton horse to ease, and he finished up at even money, with Felicia at a shade under 3 to 1. Versailles was befriended at 5 to 1, but Rouvray was entirely neglected. The favourite was a trifle sore, and began slowly, while Felicia jumped away, and established a good lead. Though North Head made up a lot of ground from the distance, he could not catch the Grafton mare, who won handily by half a length. The winner was bred in the Mudgee district by Mr. R. Rouse, jun., and is out of Melissa, by Marvellous from Mavourneen, by Grandmaster.

A field of seven turned out for the Rosehill Granville Stakes yesterday, and speculation was entirely confined to the top-weights, Lunar Light and Woodside, only a shade of odds being obtainable against the latter at the close, while Lunar Light was quoted at 2 to 1. After a short price had been taken about her, Mariesta drifted in the market, and Dresden found support at a long price. The favourite began very slowly, and Barden was at him all the way, he apparently being disinclined to gallop. Meanwhile Lunar Light was going easily in front of Dresden. In the straight, however, the latter put in a bold run, and just won by a head. The favourite, who made up a lot of ground in the last two furlongs, was third. The winner, who is a really good sort of bay filly, is by Ruenalf from Josephine, but the breeding of her dam has not been entered in the Stud Book.

A very weak lot were opposed to Lion Heart in the Jumpers' Flat Race at Rosehill yesterday, and backers who felt inclined to support the New Zealander were asked to lay 4 to 1 on. The race certainly justified this, as Lion Heart took charge at once, and, without being troubled, lead all the way, and won pulling up. Lion Heart, who was bred in New Zealand, was brought to Australia for the V.R.C. Grand National, but after opening up a great lead in that race he failed completely, and has since turned his attention to flat-racing.

Though weighted with the big burden of 10st 8lb, Maltsterdelle was always favourite for the Rosehill Flying Welter, the only other supported with any confidence being London. Backers' judgment was excellent in this instance, as the pair ran first and second, while My Pan, who also received fair support, was third. The winner is by that successful sire Maltster, and is out of Hirondelle, by Lochiel from Vitesse, by Chester's brother Roodee. She was bred at Widden by Mr. A. W. Thompson, and as a two-year-old captured the December Stakes, but with the exception of a race at the last Rosehill meeting had not since been credited with a winning bracket.

The largest field of the day turned out for the Rosehill Handicap, several fair performers being included. Backers pounced upon Miss Simmer as the best of the lot, and she received very solid support. Karanaud was also heavily backed. Following his usual custom, Royal Arthur tried to win all the way, and was closely followed into the straight by Miss Simmer. Once in line for home, Karanaud put in a brilliant run, and passed the judge's box an easy winner. Miss Muriel, who also finished well, cut Miss Simmer out of second place. The winner was bred by her owner, Mr. J. Brown, of Maitland, and is by imported Sir Tristram from Carronade, by Grand Flaneur from Crossfire, by Goldsborough from Powder (imp.), by Blinkhoolie.

There were only three starters for the Parramatta Mile, with which the sport closed, at Rosehill yesterday, and on the strength of his Randwick win War Bee was made a very warm favourite, his admirers being compelled to lay substantial odds on. The Intended was the early pacemaker, but War Bee ran past her at the turn, and, stalling off a challenge from Adorer, won handily.

The election of the committee for the Forbes Jockey Club resulted:—Messrs. R. E. B. Reymond, D. J. Moloney, W. C. Brooke, A. Gilchrist, T. M. Dunne, J. H. Bates, F. A. Gilder, T. Strickland, H. J. Phillips, and A. Osborne.

J. Burton left for Melbourne last night with Mountain King, Tartan, Croat, and Fille Fogi, all of whom are engaged at the V.R.C. and V.A.T.C. Autumn meetings.

Pony and galloway races, under the control of the Associated Racing Clubs, will be held at Kensington to-morrow. A programme of seven events has been arranged. The first race will start at 2.10 p.m.

The Hibernian A.C.B. Society's annual races will be held at the Orange Racecourse on March 18. The programme includes St. Patrick's Handicap, of 15 sovs; Home Rule Trial Stakes, of 10 sovs; Hibernian Handicap, of 30 sovs; Sarsfield Handicap, of 10 sovs; Shamrock Welter, of £15.

Messrs. Wm. Inglis and Son announce in our business columns that they will offer at auction, at their bazaar, at noon to-day, the racing ponies and horses Field Belle, Noreen, br f by Girard, Lady Eppy, Hot Gold, and St. Morion; also a pony stallion and trotting stallion.

Our Launceston correspondent yesterday wired:—In connection with the February Handicap, the stewards questioned the running of Rightaway, and decided to disqualify the lessee (J. Thomas), the rider (W. Sweeney), and the horse, for two years. The parties have appealed.

GALLOPS AT RANDWICK.

A slight fall of overnight rain somewhat deadened the Randwick magpie grass track this morning, and though a special fee was charged for the use of it, trainers patronised this rink to a greater extent for fast work than they did the tan. Leuron and Pelsart led off for half a mile in 53s. Mountain King ran six furlongs in 1m 17s. His stable mate, Tartan, was allotted a similar task, and covered the distance in 1m 18½s. Croat ran five furlongs in 1m 5¾s—a distance which her usual companion, Fille Fogi, ran in a second faster time. Blue Hook galloped half a mile in 53s, which was a second slower than Barley Brew, who beat Lord Maltster, made over the same course. Flint was too good for Dreyfus in a run over a mile, which occupied 1m 49s, while half a mile in 54s went to the credit of Graftnot and Hautnib. Collarit ran seven furlongs in 1m 34s, and Maranui travelled a furlong less in 1m 20½s. A few gallops also took place on the tan. Silk Stocking badly beat Lady Belle over six furlongs in 1m 21½s—a distance which W.A. ran in similar time. Superstition carrying a light weight was much too good for Outbreak over a mile in 1m 49½s. A couple of short, sharp spurts was Antonio's task, and Bride's Veil ran five furlongs in 1m 6½s. Others to gallop usefully were Noela, To and Fro, and Malt Rose.

VICTORIAN TRAINING NOTES.

FLEMINGTON.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The tracks are in good order, but there was not a great deal of fast work this morning. It was 5.30 before a start was made by Waihi, who traversed six furlongs in 1m 22s. Curtain Lecture ran five furlongs in 1m 7½s. Mollient and Kirkmaiden were 54½s over a furlong less, while Maltine covered four furlongs in 54½s. Step Out went over six furlongs on the sand in 1m 21½s. True Scott and Ebullition separately went steadily. Conde did long striding work. Melodrama and Vernice got over five furlongs in 1m 5½s. Mother Goose and Kuban were three and a quarter seconds longer over a similar distance. Cleia beat Bengalee, the last four of six furlongs taking 53s. Red Streak, with a very light weight, travelled six furlongs in 1m 18½s. Whitebait beat Kauma over six furlongs in 2m 24½s. Apologue concluded striding work by traversing four furlongs in 56½s. Sivori and Peru ran 6 furlongs in 1m 22s. Adriatic was in front of Five Crown and Scotch Airs in a four furlongs' dash in 54½s. Master Foote defeated Lorenzo, Pyers, and Mostyn (latter only went three furlongs) over five furlongs in 1m 6½s. Restore covered seven furlongs in 1m 36½s. Gunwad beat Silverlight over four furlongs in 54s. Snowshoes took 1m 28½s to run six furlongs. Thistlebrook was better than Somnambulist at the end of five furlongs in 1m 7½s. Cullenan beat Le Jeune over four furlongs, taking 55s. Reflect was 1m 8½s over five furlongs, and Decollette ran the last five of six furlongs in 1m 7s, and the tan mile was got over by Revanche in 1m 54s. Argument assisting over the concluding four furlongs. Northwood's five furlongs were traversed in 1m 5s. Lady Esme moved freely in a short sprint. The Brewer and Fastness were 54½s over four furlongs, while Simplicity occupied 56s. Tangaroa, who has been physicked, was not down. Lord Grafton went steadily on the tan, as did many others. Submarine, who has been exercising in Saltwater River, is off his soreness.

CAULFIELD.

The weather was cool, dull, and threatening this morning at Caulfield, but only one light shower fell. Rain is still badly wanted for the course proper. This track is very fast. Not so the sand, which was liberally watered the previous evening. Ringlet made a very early start with five furlongs in 1m 11s. Istria was very fresh, and got away with the boy at the seven furlongs post, but she did not get her head until the five furlongs post was reached, and ran home in 1m 5½s. Scotland did not put in an appearance, being in physic. Banns went strongly. Kiwi dashed off five furlongs in 1m 6s. Flotation was nearly all out for six furlongs in 1m 21½s. Pretty Polly tired towards the finish of five furlongs in 1m 5½s. Iliad bowled along for a mile in 1m 55s. Neither Thalaba nor Lady Carlyon was doing their best for five furlongs in 1m 5¼s. Dalriada and Delenta were kept well in hand for six furlongs in 1m 22½s. Demolition and Kilbride slipped over four furlongs in 51½s. Rondo put in some fast work for six furlongs. Lady Kelvin dashed off four furlongs in 51¼s. Tulkeroo in his easy style ran a mile and a quarter in 2m 18s. Sherman and Natalea left five furlongs behind in 1m 9s. Boidol strode over nine furlongs in 2m 7½s. Grafton Belle went smartly for five furlongs in 1m 5s. Seddon did a good working gallop of nine furlongs in 2m 6s. Booran and Makapan were let off with an even-time nine furlongs. Salvia was pretty well all out at the finish of six furlongs in 1m 19½s. Zillah ran the last four of five furlongs in 52¼s. Galeria sprinted four furlongs in 51s, and Lady Rylstone increased the pace as he and she ran on, finishing up six furlongs in 1m 21s. St. Peter was not extended for five furlongs in 1m 5¼s, and Greydawn went in a similar manner for six furlongs in 1m 23¼s. On the sand Britannia galloped a mile in 1m 55½s. Melodeon was going nicely for a mile and a quarter in 2m 16½s. Boomey spurted four furlongs in 54s, and Little Toy five in 1m 9s. Haphazard had no trouble in getting seven furlongs in 1m 38s. Carrissima and Sokinsha, who look very well, made light of six furlongs in 1m 24½s. Putty in his laborious style ran a mile and a quarter in 2m 13½s.

The latest arrivals are Thackeray, Delaware, Cuneiform, and the two-year-olds Pasquinade, Cigarette, Polly Prim, Fullerton, and Wheatland from Melton, and Lord Cecil from Sydney.

MELBOURNE NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Iolaire has been scratched for the Newmarket Handicap.

The following scratchings for the V.A.T.C. Autumn meeting were recorded to-day:—Oakleigh Plate: Iolaire. Futurity Stakes: The Gaiety Girl colt, Iolaire, Metrew, The Gaul, Orline, Woodnymph, Herova, Ritmo, Right Royal, Carmine, Sunstone, Miss Wallace, The Undine filly, Token colt, and Calypso filly.

The following are the approximate weights to be carried by some of the likely starters in the Caulfield Futurity Stakes:—Corroboree (10lb penalty), 9st 11lb; Istria (10lb penalty), 9st 8lb; Antonio (7lb penalty), 9st 8lb; Collarit (7lb penalty), 9st 7lb; Scotland (7lb penalty), 9st 7lb; Mountain King (15lb penalty), 9st 6lb; Step Out, 9st 1lb; Pink 'Un, 9st 1lb; Seddon (7lb penalty), 8st 12lb; Master Foote (7lb penalty), 8st 12lb; Mother Goose (13lb penalty), 7st 6lb; Snowy River (allowed 28lb), 6st 11lb; Sokinsha (allowed 28lb), 6st 11lb.

Winteriga's win at Sandown Park yesterday earned him 7lb penalty for the Oakleigh Plate, bringing his weight up to 7st.

ROSEHILL RACING CLUB.

FEBRUARY MEETING.

KARANAUD WINS THE HANDICAP.

The February meeting of the Rosehill Racing Club, which was postponed from Saturday last owing to rain, was held yesterday. Notwithstanding that it was an off day, there was a large attendance of visitors. The course has greatly benefited by the recent rain, and the lawns and flower beds were in splendid trim. The racing was interesting, though in most cases the fields were small. The stipendiary stewards did not have a busy time. The trainer of Lunar Light was fined £1 for running that filly in wrong colours in the Granville Stakes, and W. Burke, the rider of Lion Heart, in the Jumpers' Flat Race, was severely cautioned for taking Propeller's running too quickly immediately after the start.

Results:—

FEBRUARY STAKES, a handicap of 70 sovs., with a sweepstakes of 30s added; second horse 10 sovs. from prize. 6f.

Mr. W. Austin's br m Felicia, by Grafton (imp.)—Melissa, 5 yrs, 8st 10lb (J. Barden) ... 1
Mr. W. T. Nowlan's br h North Head, 5 yrs, 9st 10lb (R. W. Brennan) ... 2
Messrs. Clark and Robinson's Rouvray (imp.), 4 yrs, 7st (Brooks) ... 3

Other starter: Versailles, 6st 7lb (J. Pike).

Betting: Even money on North Head, 11 to 4 v Felicia, 5 to 1 v Versailles, 20 to 1 v Rouvray.

The field got away well together, but as soon as they got going Felicia went to the front. Passing the five furlongs post, Felicia was two lengths in front of Rouvray, with North Head two lengths further back. There was little change at the half-mile post, except that Felicia increased her lead to five lengths from Versailles. At the bend Felicia was six lengths in front of North Head, with Rouvray a length away. Felicia continued in the lead, and despite a well-sustained effort from North Head, held her own, and won cleverly by half a length. Rouvray was six lengths away, with Versailles two further back. Time, 1m 15½s.

GRANVILLE STAKES, a handicap of 70 sovs. with a sweepstakes of 30s added; second horse 10 sovs from prize.

Mr. J. H. O'Dea's b f Dresden, by Ruenalf—Josephine, 3yrs, 8st 2lb (F. Hickey) ... 1
Mr. G. W. Eaton's ch f Lunar Light, 3 yrs, 9st 2lb (M. Connell) ... 2
Mr. Colin Smith's ch c Woodside, 3 yrs, 9st 2lb (J. Barden) ... 3

Other starters: Host, 8st 4lb (C. Barden); Marietta, 8st 2lb (D. Callinan); Skopore, 8st 2lb (C. Moore); Marie Brook, 8st 2lb (F. Connell).

Betting: 5 to 4 v Woodside, 2 to 1 v Lunar Light, 10 to 1 v Marietta, 12 to 1 v Dresden, 20 to 1 each v the others.

Lunar Light and Dresden got away smartly; but the favourite was slow to move and lost ground. When passing the five furlongs post Lunar Light was a neck in front of Dresden, with Marietta next, and the favourite three lengths further back. Lunar Light took the lead at the bend, just in advance of Dresden, and Marietta dropped back. Lunar Light led Dresden by half a length into the straight, with Skopore close up next. At the half-distance Dresden was a neck ahead of Lunar Light, and, after a good finish, won by a short head. Woodside was four lengths away, half a length in front of Skopore. Host, Marie Brook, and Marietta were next. Time, 1m 17½s.

JUMPERS' FLAT RACE, a handicap of 70 sovs, with a sweepstake of 30s added; second horse 10 sovs from the prize. 1m 1f.

Mr. E. Stevenson's ch g Lion Heart, by Leonlantis—Good Day, aged, 10st 5lb (W. Burke) ... 1
Mr. J. Stevenson's br g Old Bob, aged, 9st (D. Carmody) ... 2
Mr. H. R. Jurd's Cutaway, aged, 9st (T. Freeland) 3

Propeller, 9st 12lb (F. Halstead), also started.

Betting: 4 to 1 on Lion Heart, 10 to 1 each v the others.

From a good start Lion Heart immediately took the lead from Old Bob. Entering the back of the straight Lion Heart was a length in front of Old Bob, who was four lengths ahead of Cutaway, with Propeller five lengths further back. Lion Heart had increased his lead to four lengths from Old Bob at the five furlongs post, a similar distance separating the others. With the race well in hand Lion Heart led round the bend five lengths from Old Bob, and continuing in front won by eight lengths from Old Bob, who was two lengths in front of Cutaway. Propeller was a length away last. Time, 2m 1¼s.

FLYING WELTER, a handicap of 70 sovs, with a sweepstake of 30s added; second horse 10 sovs from prize. 6f.

Mr. W. T. Nowlan's br f Maltsterdelle, by Maltster—Hirondelle, 3yrs, 10st 8lb (R. Brennan) ... 1
Mrs. F. A. Huxley's br g London, 4 yrs, 8st 7lb (M. Connell) ... 2
Mr. A. Gollan's br g My Pan, 3 yrs, 9st 6lb (D. Callinan) ... 3

Other starters: Emperical, 8st 7lb (W. M'Lachlan); Old Ned, 8st 7lb (T. Hannybell); Hautville, 8st 7lb (W. James); Rocklight, 8st 7lb (A. Hood); Ulmus, 8st 7lb (T. Connelly); Confide, 8st 7lb (C. Thomas).

Betting: 11 to 8 on Maltsterdelle, 3 to 1 v London, 7 to 1 each v Old Ned and My Pan, 10 to 1 v Confide, 12 to 1 each v the others.

After a delay caused through My Pan breaking through the barrier the field moved off to a good start. London and Maltsterdelle were first to find their legs, Rocklight being last. When they reached the five-furlongs post Maltsterdelle was a length in front of Old Ned, who led My Pan by half a length. Hautville and Rocklight were ahead of the others, with Ulmus last. There was little difference passing the half-mile post. As they came into the straight Maltsterdelle was a couple of lengths in front of London, Old Ned, and My Pan. London and My Pan challenged Maltsterdelle at the half-distance. She held her own, however, and won by a length, with a similar distance between second and third. Old Ned was eight lengths away fourth, half a length in front of Confide. Rocklight being last. When they reached the five 1m 16½s.

ROSEHILL HANDICAP of 100 sovs., with a sweepstake of 2 sovs. added; second horse 20 sovs., and third 10 sovs. from the prize; 1¼m.

Mr. J. Brown's br m Karanaud, by Sir Tristram (imp.)—Carronade, 4 yrs, 7st 6lb (D. Callinan). 1
Mr. H. Harris's b m Miss Muriel, 4 yrs, 6st 7lb (T. Pike) ... 2
Mr. W. Henry's blk m Miss Simmer, aged, 8st 10lb (W. M'Lachlan) ... 3

Other starters: Aragain, 9st 5lb (A. Hood); Royal Arthur, 8st 10lb (J. Barden); Longchamps, 8st 4lb (F. Hickey); Duke of Clarence, 8st 4lb (R. W. Brennan); Thargomindah, 7st 6lb (A. C. Thomas).

Betting: 9 to 4 v Miss Simmer, 3 to 1 v Karanaud, 7 to 1 v Longchamps and Royal Arthur, 10 to 1 v Miss Muriel and Thargomindah, 14 to 1 v Aragain, 20 to 1 v Duke of Clarence.

Royal Arthur and Miss Simmer jumped away just in front of Karanaud. When they came into sight Miss Simmer and Royal Arthur were a length from Karanaud and Thargomindah. Along the back Royal Arthur was a length from Thargomindah, who was a similar distance from Longchamps, with Aragain whipping in. No alteration occurred until passing the five-furlong post, where Royal Arthur was a length from Thargomindah, Longchamps being half a length further back. Then came Miss Simmer and Karanaud. At the bend Longchamps and Miss Simmer were running in company a length from Royal Arthur. Royal Arthur led into the straight clear of Longchamps, Miss Simmer and Karanaud. The last-named ran into to the leaders, and, coming away, won easily by five lengths. There was a length between second and third. Royal Arthur was five lengths away fourth, three lengths in front of Longchamps. Thargomindah was last. Time, 2m 10¼s.

PARRAMATTA MILE, a handicap of 70 sovs, with a sweepstake of 30s added; second horse 10 sovs from the prize.

Messrs. E. T. and N. H. Gibbs' blk h War Bee, by War God—Beeswing, 4 yrs, 9st 8lb (A. Hood) ... 1
Mr. H. J. Pottie's b m Adorer, 6 yrs, (W. Whitlock) ... 2
Mr. W. Kelso's The Intended, 4 yrs, 10st 2lb (W. M'Mahon) ... 3

No others started.

Betting: 7 to 4 on War Bee, 5 to 2 v The Intended, 6 to 1 v Adorer.

The trio jumped away together. Entering the back stretch The Intended was a length and half from War Bee, with Adorer half a length further back. At the six furlongs post The Intended was still a length and a half from War Bee, who led Adorer by two lengths. There was no change until reaching the five furlongs post, where Adorer dropped back four lengths. Passing the half-mile post War Bee ran up level with The Intended, Adorer being eight lengths away. War Bee led The Intended by half a length at the bend. At the half-distance War Bee was still in front of The Intended, going easily, and continuing won by three-quarters of a length. Adorer, who came with a great rattle from the half-distance, cut The Intended out of second place. Time, 1m 44½s.

NEW ENGLAND RACES.

SECOND DAY.

ARMIDALE, Thursday.

The second day of the Armidale-New England races proved successful, the attendance again being large. There were good fields. Results:—

Club Handicap of 40 sovs., about 6f.—Mr. White's c h Refiner, by Medallion—Chlorine, 1; Mr. H. O'Meara's c h Moslem, by Musselman—Clare, 2; Mr. J. J. Parker's blk g Explorer, by Archie—Rose de Mere, 3. Four others started. Won by a neck. Time, 1m 18s.

Hack Race of £10, 6f.—Mr. A. J. Miler's b g Assegai, by Projectile—Rita, 1; Mr. Geo. Hall's b m End, by Beauchamp—Virginia, 2; Mr. J. J. Parker's ch c Tristram Shandy, by Sir Tristram—Giroda, 3. Eleven others started. Time, 1m 18s.

City Handicap of 100 sovs., about 1¼m.—Mr. G. Bell's bk h Simniloquist, by Simmer—Somniloquist, 1; Mr. J. L. Cushan's b m Miss Idelia, by The Simmer—Idalia, 2; Mr. A. J. Miller's b m Zither, by Clarion—Unknown, 3. Five others started. Garches was favourite. Time, 2m 14s.

Disposal Stakes, about 6f.—Mr. H. Berry's b g May Boy, by Sir Anthony—May Belle, 1; Mr. D. M'Carthy's ch g Stetton, by Kingsley—Missie, 2; Mr. J. Carpenter's ch g Index, by Blarney—Armidale mare, 3. Only four started. Time, 1m 19s.

Grandstand Plate of 40 sovs., once round.—Mr. E. Ball's r g Blue Foam, by Invader—Catherina, 1; Mr. P. M'Carthy's b g Waterwave, by First Water—Caress, 2; Mr. J. L. Kushan's b m Miss Idalia, by The Simmer—Idalia, 3. Five started. Time, 1m 46s.

Farewell Handicap of 40 sovs.—Mr. J. B. Inch's b m Una, by Nobleman—Telopia, 1; Mr. A. J. Miller's b m Zither, by Clarion—Unknown, 2; Mr. J. Parker's b g Benedict, by King Olaf—Tooloomba, 3. Six starters.

TASMANIAN TURF CLUB.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

The second day's racing of the Tasmanian Turf Club was favoured with beautiful weather. The attendance was large. Results:—

Highweight Handicap of 60 sovs, 1m.—Mr. Morrison's Yellow Aster, 9st 2lb (F. Burn), 1; Mr. Pat More's Saucy Chester, 9st 5lb (Farmer), 2; Mr. Thompson's Friendship, 8st 7lb (W. Jennings), 3. Other starters: Cold Stream, Trojan, Silgerman, Seren, Lady Betting, Betsy, Sharpshooter. Won by a length, three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time, 1m 44s. Dividends, 18s and 28s.

All-aged Handicap of 60 sovs, 6f.—Mr. A. O'Connor's Clansman, 8st 2lb (Brooks), 1; Mr. Stebbing's Storm King, 2; Mr. Thompson's Abernant, 3. Other starters, Green Valley and Iona. Won by a length, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1m 15½s. Dividend, £2 7s.

Tamar Hurdle Race, 2m.—J. Brock's Larrikin, 11st (Howie), 1; Mr. Sparks' Refund, 10st (Dunn), 2; Messrs. Ryan and Connelly's Firedamp, 10st 7lb (J. Ryan), 3. These were the only starters. Won by half a length. Time, 4m 11s. Dividend, 28s.

T.T.C. Handicap of 100 sovs, 1m.—Mr. A. C. Field's Edenholme, 7st 9lb (Jennings), 1; Mr. Harris's Viola, 8st 2lb (O'Connor), 2; Mr. Gatenby's Silverholme, 8st 7lb (Campbell), 3. Other starters: Admirer, Beltana. Won by a length, a head between second and third. Time, 1m 58¼s. Dividend, £2 10s.

Limit Handicap of 60 sovs, 7f.—Mr. J. Brock's Monody, 9st 7lb (W. Foulsham), 1; Mr. Sidebottom's Happy Pilgrim, 7st 9lb (W. Rose), 2; Messrs. Wooley and Russell's Thucydides, 7st 13lb (Farmer), 3. Other starters: Sweetholme, Sting, Mercy, Paulation. Won easily by three lengths, three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time, 1m 30 1-5s. Dividends, 19s and 14s.

Flying Stakes of 60 sovs, 5f.—Mr. Reibey's Means, 8st 3lb (Roles), 1; Mr. R. Field's Myn, 6st 12lb (Butters), 2; Mr. Powell's Goodhope, 8st 4lb (Rowse), 3. Other starters: Glimmer, Clarissa, Hairpin, Edris. Won by a length, half a length between second and third. Time, 1m 2¼s. Dividends, £1 11s and £1 18s.

MURRUMBURRAH RACES.

SECOND DAY.

MURRUMBURRAH, Thursday.

The second day of the race meeting was very largely attended. The weather was extremely hot. Results:—

Flying Handicap.—Mr. Brown's Ruby, 7st 7lb, 1; Mr. W. Marina's Rangoon, 2; Mr. J. Dacey's Octavia, 3.

President's Handicap, 1m 20yds.—Mr. W. C. H. Roberts' Cataract, 10st 7lb, 1; Mr. W. Robinson's Moonlight, 2; Mr. A. Holbish's Eclipse, 3.

Federal Handicap, 7f.—Mr. R. W. M'Kinnon's Celeris, 8st, 1; Mr. J. Mackie's Gain, 2; Mr. T. Hearn's Rotorua, 3.

Harden Handicap of 30 sovs, 1m 20yds.—Mr. R. W. Mackinnon's Dantric, 8st 12lb, 1; Mr. J. Mackie's Sir Grafton, 2; Mr. W. Jones' Jorrocks, 3.

Hack Race, 6f.—Mr. T. Hearn's Rotorua, 9st 2lb, 1.

Farewell Handicap.—Octavia, 1; Shamrock, 2; Ruby, 3.

THE HOBART CUP.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

The following weights have been declared for the Hobart Cup, 1½m, to be run at Elwick on Wednesday, February 12:—Tulkeroo, 9st 12lb; Hospodar, 9st 10lb; Watchful, 9st 7lb; Regret, 9st 3lb; Mary F., 8st 12lb; St. Joe, 8st 12lb; Royal Star, 8st 6lb; Viola, 8st 3lb; Vini, 8st 1lb; Neibo, 8st 1lb; Boidol, 8st 1lb; Harkaway, 8st; Lancasterite, 7st 12lb; Nordenfeldt, 7st 12lb; Clansman, 7st 12lb; Edenholme, 7st 12lb; Grafton Lad, 7st 10lb; Zepho, 7st 9lb; Wooroomа, 7st 9lb; Autumn, 7st 5lb; Phoebus, 7st 5lb; Kainuck, 7st 5lb; Apex, 7st 5lb; The Jew, 7st 1lb; Admirer, 7st 1lb; Green Valley, 6st 12lb; Homer, 6st 12lb; Lochino, 6st 12lb; Serene, 6st 9lb; The Nine, 6st 9lb; Drumreagh, 6st 9lb; Boyong, 6st 9lb; Illiad, 6st 7lb; Beltana, 6st 7lb; Nathiana, 6st 7lb.

DUNDAS PLAINS RACES.

ROCKLEY, Thursday.

The following weights have been declared for the principal events at the Dundas Plains, Rockley, meeting on Saturday, 8th inst:—

Opening Handicap.—Dennis, 9st 7lb; Masher, 9st; Ithona, 8st 4lb; Thesford, 8st 4lb; Nigger, 7st 12lb; Applause, 7st 9lb; Rolled Oats, 7st; Jack M'Grath, 6st 9lb.

Dunn's Plains Handicap.—Dennis, 9st 5lb; Masher, 8st 12lb; Ithona, 8st; Thesford, 8st 2lb; Nigger, 7st 10lb; Fluorine, 7st 7lb; Applause, 7st 7lb; Rolled Oats, 6st 12lb; Jack M'Grath, 6st 7lb.

CRICKET.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The competitions will be resumed in their entirety to-day. The first-grade fixtures are:—

Senior A.—Petersham v Fort-street, at Erskineville; Cleveland-street v Paddington, at Birchgrove. At present Fort-street are six points, and Cleveland-street five.

Senior B.—Ryde v Petersham, at Petersham; Parramatta S. v Forest Lodge (Cintra, Burwood Ground); Leichhardt v Burwood (St. Luke's, Burwood); Mosman v Glebe, Domain; St. Leonards v Woollahra, Sports Ground; Crown-street v Cleveland-street, Agricultural Ground; Fort-street v Neutral Bay, North Sydney; Stanmore, a bye.

In the second grade the following schools will meet:—

B District.—Arncliffe v Canterbury; Hurstville v Marrickville; Erskineville v Enmore; Darlington v St. Peters.

D District.—Ashfield v Parramatta North; Granville v Crystal-street.

In A. and C. districts any matches postponed or incomplete will be played to close the round. D district will close with present matches. B district has one more lot of fixtures to get through.

In third grade the matches are:—

A District.—Burwood v Croydon, Crystal-street v Stanmore, Petersham v Dulwich Hill.

B.—Randwick Asylum v Paddington, Darlinghurst v William-street, Bondi v Waverley, Double Bay v Fort-street, Kensington v Randwick, Cleveland-street v Crown-street, Woollahra a bye.

C.—Mortdale v Tempe, Hurstville v Bexley. Round postponed from December 20. This completes C District competition first round.

D.—N. Newtown v Erskineville, Gardiner's-road v Alexandria, Waterloo v Redfern.

E.—Five Dock v North Annandale, Gladesville v West Leichhardt. This completes the round for E District. F. and G districts will also close with this round.

F.—Forest Lodge v Darling-road, Balmain v Birchgrove.

G.—St. Leonards v East St. Leonards, North St. Leonards v Naremburn.

H.—North Granville v Auburn, Homebush v South Granville, Parramatta v Concord.

Where there are any postponed matches these will be at once arranged and played off before close of the whole of the first round.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

SYDNEY BICYCLE CLUB.

The Sydney Bicycle Club's carnival, which was postponed on Saturday owing to the rain, will be held on the Agricultural Ground on the 29th inst.

TORTOISE CLUB.

The Tortoise Club held its first general meeting on Wednesday at Newtown. Mr. M. Hogan presided, and there was a large attendance of members. The ex-champion cyclist of the State, Mr. T. R. G. Hopkins, was elected captain. Mr. A. W. Henningham was chosen treasurer, and Mr. T. F. Davies secretary.

GRANVILLE BICYCLE CLUB.

The following handicaps have been issued in connection with the Granville Bicycle Club's race, to be decided on Saturday at the New Sports Ground:—C. Cassidy, E. M'Kay, scr; F. Post, 10yds; H. Hudson, P. Yeend, 30yds; J. Davidson, 30yds; W. Hamilton, 40yds; W. Shepherd, 70yds; L. J. Davis, A. Ferguson, 80yds; F. Masters, 110yds; W. Pilgrim, 130yds; F. Taylor, 160yds.

ENFIELD BICYCLE CLUB.

The Enfield Club will be represented in the Griffiths shield competition by H. N. Gannon, R. L. Nicholson, and C. S. Binnie, while first emergency will be E. L. Betts. The club will be without the services of H. K. Maxwell, who is in South Australia.

ENGLISH AND CONTINENTAL MOTORING NOTES.

The Automobile Club of America will this year control the Ormond-Daytona motor races, which are fixed for the week beginning March 2. Arrangements have been made to provide a straightaway course of approximately 16 miles, with loops, one at the northern end at Ormond, and the other at the southern end at the inlet. These loops will be constructed of 2-inch planking, furnishing a roadway 32ft wide, and providing an easy curve by grading away the sandhills at the edge of the turn. By this means a circuit of 32 miles will be available, beginning and ending at the clubhouse of the Florida East Coast A. A., on the beach at Daytona, in front of which all the long-distance races will start and finish. Here also will be the grandstand and timing board, indicating the positions of the competitors at all times during the race.

The events already decided upon are as follow:—Long Races.—288 miles (nine laps of 32 miles), for the Automobile Club of America Cup, for strictly racing cars. 128 miles (four laps) invitation race, for gentlemen amateur drivers; prizes and conditions to be announced later. 100 miles international championship for the Minneapolis trophy.

Short Races.—One mile international record, for the Sir Thomas Dewar trophy; two-mile-a-minute race; record speed trials, for the mile and kilometre. For the Dewar trophy, two-mile-a-minute race, and speed trials, cars will be required to make a certain minimum speed for a certain distance in order to be eligible. The Vanderbilt Cup conditions, limiting the weight of cars to 1100 kilos will govern all contests.

PERIL OF HIGH SPEED.

EXTRAORDINARY ACCIDENT.

Later files to hand give particulars of a sensational accident that occurred last month on the Brooklands track in England. It appears that Mr. H. C. Tryon was driving Mr. S. F. Edge's 60-h.p. Napier car in an attempt to beat the previous record for the hour. All went well till the fourteenth lap, when the offside back wheel punctured. A new tyre was immediately put on, and the driver once again flew round. In the twenty-first lap there was a crash, and the car, flying along, completely turned round three times, arriving at the edge of the track by the bridge over the road to the enclosure. It then took a flying leap across this road, a width of about 20ft, taking with it the iron railings and telegraph posts, and landing on to the other side of the road amongst the debris. The driver was thrown into the road, but was immediately picked up and conveyed to an hotel at Weybridge, where the doctors pronounced him suffering from shock. Undoubtedly the cause of the accident was the tyre, and in bursting it did not leave the rim, the fragments remaining on.

25,000 MILES BY MOTOR.

UTILITY OF THE COMMERCIAL CAR.

A striking proof of the utility of the motor car for commercial purposes, and especially for newspaper distribution, is given in last month's issue of the "Eastern Daily Press" (England). The proprietors of that journal have for some five years been running a motor car daily, starting from Norwich about 2.30 a.m. to Lynn and back with supplies of their paper, which by these means has been placed on the breakfast tables of readers in more than a hundred towns and villages in West Norfolk. At the start there were a few troubles, due partly to inexperience, but these were soon overcome, and the record for the present year is a remarkable one. From January 3 to November 30 the Siddeley car, which is being used, travelled more than 25,000 miles. Out of a possible 284 it actually made 275 successful journeys. On six out of the nine occasions on which failure or partial failure occurred there was a dense fog, twice there were tyre troubles, and on one occasion a chain fouled. From February 13 till October 8—eight months—there was an absolutely clean record. The history of the period may be conveniently summarised as follows:—

Maximum number of days	284
Every rail and mail connection made	275
Percentage of successful journeys	96.83
Service wholly failed through fog	3
Partial failure due to fog	3
Partial failure due to tyres	2
Partial failure due to machinery	1

Such a record, besides speaking well both for the quality of the Siddeley car and the grit of the driver, affords convincing proof of the utility and practicability of the motor for commercial purposes.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Test races were held on the Brisbane Cricket Ground to-day under the auspices of the Q.C.U. for the purpose of selecting riders to represent Queensland in the mile and five miles championship of Australasia, to be decided at Sydney. Results: Mile: T. Coates, P. Berry, J. M'Farlane. Five miles (decided with motor pace): M'Farlane, Gibson, Coates.

SWIMMING.

ROSE BAY CLUB'S CARNIVAL.

The Rose Bay Club's fourth annual championship carnival will take place at the Rose Bay Baths this afternoon at 3. The programme comprises swimming, diving, and novelty event. The principal race will be a 500yds flying teams championship of New South Wales. Other events will include Naval Cadet Championship and an acrobatic high diving display by A. G. Humphries. Special trams will run at frequent intervals direct to Rose Bay Baths.

The following handicaps have been declared for the 100yds interclub handicap:—E. J. Cooke, scr; A. Hill, 2s; T. Hobson, 3s; L. Solomons, 4s; E. Herd, I. Cantor, S. Manaro, H. Kermode, 5s; T. Sinclair, C. Spedding, J. Swinbourne, F. Cummins, J. Ross, 6s; A. Rose, E. L. Browne, W. W. Hill, 7s; P. G. Punch, P. Johnson, A. Cullen, H. Weilandt, J. Lovelace, 8s; C. Sweetman, F. Bryant, 9s; N. D. Healy, G. Devine, L. M'Clenalan, P. Burke, 10s; J. Murray, R. Chew, C. Riva, M. Jenkins, W. W. Scott, P. Punch, W. H. Buncombe, J. Clarke, 11s; G. Woods, J. Davidson, B. Cochrane, K. Graham, W. Manahan, W. Paton, R. Mathewson, 12s; J. Hawkes, J. Brownhill, 13s; G. Wild, C. E. Jackson, B. Lithgow, 14s; L. V. Hinds, 15s; H. Shaw, F. Plumb, 16s; G. H. Kenyen, P. M'Kay, 18s; F. L. Browne, E. Hennessy, S. Beaumont, J. Resulure, 20s; R. Gray, 22s; R. Todd, C. Paton, 25s.

The following handicaps have been declared for the 800 yards "Tivoli" First-class Handicap:—R. Healey (N.S.W. half-mile champion) (East Sydney), scr; J. Watkinson (Pyrmont), 35s; H. Dickenson (Rose Bay), J. Lord (East Sydney), E. Rowbotham (Waverley), A. Dupain Cox (East Sydney), J. Gascoigne (Bondi), 70s; J. Westbury (East Sydney), 80s; J. Hixson (Sydney), 2m.

RANDWICK AND COOGEE CLUB.

The Randwick and Coogee Club held a 100 yards handicap at the Coogee Aquarium baths on Wednesday evening. Results—First heat: M'Clenham, 12s, 1; Hinds, 23s, 2; Sinclair, 20s, 3. Time, 1m 9 4-5s. Second heat: Miley, 16s, 1; Alldritt, 16s, 2; Barrie, 37s, 3. Time, 1m 15 4-5s. Third heat: Murphy, 21s, 1; Brown, 11s, 2; Buncombe, 15s, 3. Time, 1m 20s. Fourth heat: Taylor, 24s, 1; Dexter, 37s, 2; Hobson, 4s, 3. Time, 1m 22 3-5s. Fifth heat: Neal, 26s, 1; Hennessy, 26s, 2; Gooding, 26s, 3. Time, 1m 24 2-5s. Sixth heat: Reynolds, 17s, 1; Graham, 16s, 2; Cochrane, 14s, 3. Time, 1m 14 3-5s. Final: Neal, 26s, 1; Taylor, 24s, 2; Reynolds, 17s, 3. Time, 1m 20s. Won by 5 yards.

SOUTH SYDNEY DISTRICT.

The South Sydney District Swimming Club held a 66yds handicap at Coogee Aquarium baths on Wednesday night. Results—First heat: W. Mortimer, 13s, 1; L. Rigley, scr, 2; time, 51s. Second heat: G. Golder, 3s, 1; C. Andrews, 18s, 2; time, 46 1-5s. Third heat: S. Parry, 7s, 1; F. Bradley, 14s, 2; time, 48 2-5s. Final: W. Mortimer, 1; G. Golder, 2; S. Parry, 3. Time, 48 1-5s.

FORT-STREET 220YDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The 220yds championship of Fort-street Model School was contested at Lavender Bay baths. There were five starters, and the race resulted in a win for Albert Barry, with E. Cullen Ward second, and E. Rowbotham third. Time, 2m 44 4-5s.

The annual swimming carnival of the school will be held at Farmer's Rushcutter Bay baths on Saturday, March 7, at 2.30 p.m. At this gala the first diving championship of the State will be contested.

DRUMMOYNE CLUB.

A 440yds club handicap was held at the local baths on Wednesday evening. Seventeen entered, and all faced the starter. The result was:—F. Williams, 60s, 1; F. Christiansen, scr, 2; G. Yabsley, 35s, 3. Time, 7m 10 1-5s.

ST. GEORGE CLUB.

The handicaps for a 55yds race to be decided at Bighton-le-Sands Baths to-morrow are:—H. Kermode, scr; T. Bell, 1s; G. Tidmarsh, 2s; J. Pocock, C. Hansen, C. Mason, 3s; E. Sieben, 4s; C. Beardmore, L. Butchart, T. Shortus, F. Tichborne, 5s; H. Brooks, R. Connors, N. Hansen, T. O'Donnell, A. Spring, M. Saywell, G. Saywell, G. Tichborne, 6s; G. Halligan, 7s; R. Callaghan, P. Depena, A. Hodgkins, J. Keir, H. Malloch, T. Osborne, T. Rowell, L. Selmon, 8s; J. Asquith, N. Gately, T. Kent, C. Palmer, 10s; R. Burns, A. Chamberlain, E. Kent, A. Toose, 11s; H. Parkes, 12s; A. Chapman, J. Kavanagh, 13s; W. Hobson, 14s; F. Turrell, 15s.

THE GUN.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

A pigeon match in connection with the Wollongong Agricultural Society was shot off yesterday afternoon, with 26 entries. There was a good attendance and good birds. The match resulted:—

£7 Handicap.—M'Caffery, 31yds, A. Dent, 28yds, J. M'Loy, 23yds, J. Skilling, 31yds (two nominations), Dr. Lee, 24yds, and C. Massey, jun., 25yds, divided.

No. 1 sweep: J. Waples, 31yds, won outright with five kills. No. 2 sweep: J. M'Caffery and Dr. Lee divided with five kills. No. 3 sweep: J. Waples and Dr. Lee divided with five kills.

COUNTRY HOSPITALS.

FORBES, Thursday.

At the first meeting of the newly-elected hospital committee, the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. R. E. B. Reymond; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. Broderick and G. F. Cochrane; treasurer, Mr. E. T. Blanche; medical officers, Drs. Delohery and Broadbent; matron, Miss George; secretary, Mr. J. H. Bates.

LISMORE, Thursday.

At the hospital committee meeting, the following were elected:—President, Mr. T. F. Schick; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. T. Laws and E. D. Jenner; treasurer, Mr. J. I. Smith; secretary, Mr. R. White. The matron tendered her resignation, which was accepted. Among the correspondence was a letter from seven honorary medical officers, stating that unless the committee could see its way to make more satisfactory arrangements for the conduct of the institution, they could not continue to act. At a later stage it was decided unanimously to advertise for two medical officers at £100 each per annum.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, the report stated that 181 cases had been dealt with. The treasurer's report gave receipts for the year at £148, and credit balance £132.

MOLONG, Thursday.

Mr. J. G. Donaldson has been unanimously re-elected president of the Molong Cottage Hospital.

PENRITH, Wednesday.

At the annual meeting of the Nepean Cottage Hospital (the president, Alderman S. E. Lees, in the chair), the report showed that during the year 1907 231 patients were admitted, this being 64 in excess of the previous highest total. The number resident daily was 11.36, as constrasted with 8.16 in 1906, and 9.9 in 1905. There were 30 operations. There were 640 attendances by medical practitioners. The number of attendances upon outpatients, in addition, were 715. The average number of inpatients entitles the hospital during the ensuing year to be considered a training institution.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.

The annual election of committee and auditors for the Wyalong District Hospital took place on Tuesday night, and caused much interest, owing to a number of the candidates being specially supported by the miners. The following were elected:—G. P. Evans 217, H. Louden 203, D. Gagee 173, A. A. Duncan 167, W. Clarke 156, W. Brookman 153, T. Sparrow 153, J. Stephenson 143, G. H. Bootwright 133. Auditors: W. H. Bannister and D. A. Middlemis.

AMUSEMENTS.

THEATRICAL "LAST NIGHTS."

Mr. Frank Thornton will make his farewell appearance to-night in one of his most famous characters as "Charley's Aunt" at the Criterion Theatre, as to-morrow Mr. Edwin Gesch will introduce his new company in the sensational drama, "Lured to London."

At the Theatre Royal the final performance of the picturesque and romantic drama, "The Scarlet Pimpernel," will be given to-night. To-morrow the Williamson Company will appear in the spectacular Byzantine drama, "Claudian," with Mr. Julius Knight in the name-part, and Miss Humphrey as Almida.

The Poultry and Kennel Notes in the "Sydney Mail" each week are always well worth careful scrutiny.—Advt.

The "Sydney Mail" this week is a bright and topical issue for city and country.—Advt.

COUNTRY NEWS.

SOUTH COAST.

ROUGH SEA PREVENTS LOADING.

CLIFTON, Thursday.

A heavy easterly sea is still running, preventing loading operations being carried on at Coal Cliff Colliery Company's jetty. The steamer Herga arrived yesterday for a full cargo, but owing to rough sea she could not berth. It is doubtful whether the sea will be favourable for loading at this jetty to-morrow. If loading operations are suspended beyond to-day, a number of the men will be thrown out of employment.

As anticipated, the recent wet weather has caused numerous additional falls of earth and stone on the Cliff-road. Although traffic is not blocked, some days will be occupied clearing the road of the debris.

CLIFTON, Thursday.

At a meeting of the Coledale Progress Association last evening, a communication from the Railway Commissioners was read, stating "that it is recognised that Coledale is growing, and that more accommodation at the local railway station is desirable, but the matter has been delayed owing to more pressing work having absorbed available funds. Plans are, however, now in preparation for a comprehensive scheme, which will provide for ample accommodation at Coledale in every direction, and that the matter will be expedited. Also, that the 3.30 a.m. train from Sydney would stop to set down passengers every Monday morning, and that the milk train from Kiama to Sydney would stop to pick up and set down passengers when required." A communication was received from the Department of Public Instruction, in answer to an application made by the association, for the establishment of a Public school at Coledale, stating that as the children of school age in the locality are attending neighbouring schools, which are within easy reach, the Minister was not prepared to authorise the erection of a school at Coledale. A favourable reply was received from the Public Works Department with reference to the establishment of a permanent water supply for this portion of the district.

SHELLHARBOUR, Thursday.

James Hamilton, one of the oldest pioneers of the district, a resident of Croome for 50 years, died suddenly yesterday, aged 68.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

This afternoon an interesting surf-bathing display was given on Stuart Park Beach by about 25 members of Manly Surf Club before a large concourse of people, who lined the cliffs and crowded the beach. While the display was in progress a local lad named Norman Osborne got into difficulties, and would have been carried out to sea if he had not been rescued by a local resident named W. Jackson. When he was brought ashore it was at first thought to be a joke, but the alarm was given, and the Manly Brigade took charge. He was quickly brought round, and appeared no worse.

The Kirkfield is loading a lrage cargo for Shanghai for the Chinese navy, and came from St. Paul, Portuguese West Africa.

MUNICIPAL.

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.

At the last meeting of the municipal council the Mayor read a statement to the effect that the amount of revenue received during the year was £770, and the expenditure £663. The loan had been reduced from £1100 to £1000, the council having during the past two years paid off £100, and had obtained the existing loan at a cheaper rate of interest. The mortgage had still eight years to run. Against that the council had property to the value of £650, which included the council chambers and a cottage. The amount of rates now owing was £400, which represented the time since the council was established, some 23 years ago. The rate struck for 1907-8 totalled £386, and the amount of rates received during the year was £200, being the largest amount of arrears collected by the council in any one year.

THE CHURCHES.

COOMA, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church was held in the Oddfellows' Hall last night, Rev. P. Hope presiding. Reports presented by the committee of management and the session, and the balance-sheet, were adopted. The office-bearers elected for the ensuing year were: —J. Duncan, hon. secretary; and T. A. Jardine, hon. treasurer.

OBERON, Thursday.

Dr. Dunne, Roman Catholic Bishop of Bathurst, is at present visiting the Oberon portion of his diocese. At Shooter's Hill on Tuesday he laid the foundation-stone of a new church, subscriptions realising over £75. At Edith, near Oberon, where hitherto there was no Roman Catholic Church, a building was generously given by Mr. Albert Whalan, of that place.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

MOREE, Thursday.

The Quarter Sessions were held to-day, before Judge Gibson. A West Indian black was sentenced to five years' penal servitude for assault with intent. In three cases of forging and uttering cheques the prisoners pleaded guilty, and were sentenced, two to 18 months each, one to 12 months. Mr. W. Bevan prosecuted.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

The newly-formed Scientific Society held a meeting last night, when Mr. Gepp presided. Two interesting papers were read by Messrs. Gray and Barker. The society, which numbers over 50 members, hopes to secure permanent rooms at the Technical College.

The fire brigade had receipts for the year 1907 amounting to £1344 19s. The expenditure was £1172 15s. The firemen's wages amounted to £619 17s, and the administrative expenses were only £62. The estimates for the current year are set down at £1947, which includes £516 for a new fire engine, in addition to increase of salaries.

The inquest on the body of John Harris, smothered in the Skimps Central Mine, resulted in a verdict of accidental death.

COONABARABRAN, Thursday.

The Railway League yesterday waited on Mr. Horne, M.L.A., and asked him to form a deputation to wait on the Minister with a view of having the second section of the line Mudgee to Dunedoo, started as early as possible, and for the Dunedoo to Coonabarabran line to be placed before the works committee.

A social was tendered Mr. Horne last night by friends and supporters. Over 200 sat down to supper.

FORBES, Thursday.

Mr. A. P. Wilshire, rabbit inspector, P.P. Board, has resigned the position, having been appointed C.P. Inspector, Lands Office.

LISMORE, Thursday.

The body of a newly-born infant was found on Saturday in the sink at the rear of a residence in the town. An inquest was opened to-day, and adjourned, after hearing the evidence of medical men, who stated that the infant was not fully matured, and being considerably decomposed they could not say whether it was born alive.

MOREE, Thursday.

In the District Court to-day, Hinchcliffe sued the Florida Bore trustees for £33 for work done in delving drains. The defence was that the work was imperfectly carried out. A verdict was returned for the defendant.

PENRITH, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the newly-formed Progress Association, on Monday night, 31 gentlemen were nominated to act on the committee. A ballot will be taken (18 to be elected).

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.

Mrs. Williams, a resident of upwards of 40 years, died last night, at the advanced age of 89 years.

A fire destroyed the hairdressing saloon of M. Irwin, of Bungendore, on Tuesday morning. The building and contents were totally consumed, and an old man named Hopkins, who was sleeping in a detached building, was rescued with difficulty.

RICHMOND, Thursday.

John and Kenneth Hurst were each fined £3, with costs totalling £2 1s 1d, for exposure while bathing at Grose River on Boxing Day.

For allowing persons to drink in the bar of the Commercial Hotel, Richmond, on Christmas Day, Charles Bishop was fined 10s, with 6s costs.

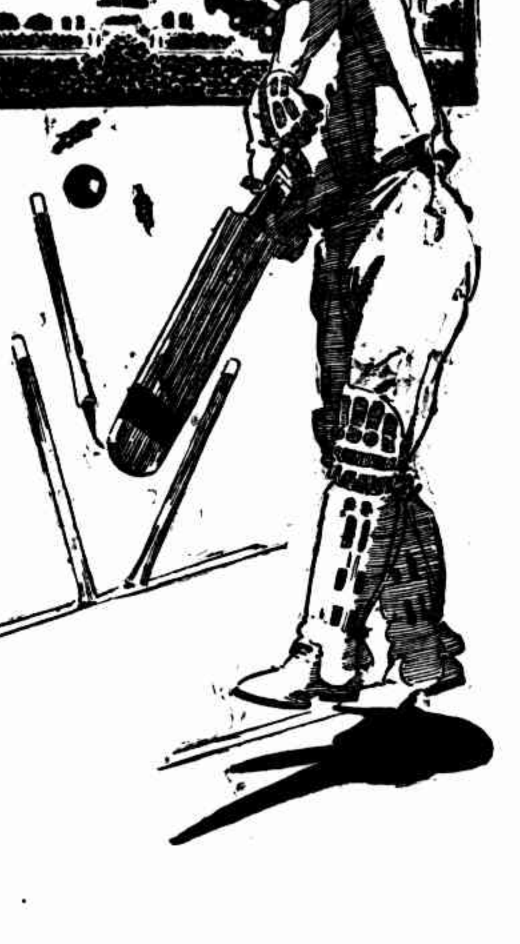
THE AMERICAN FLEET

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your article on the City Council's action in taking upon themselves to invite the American fleet to visit Sydney very correctly puts forth the position in which a large number of the aldermen were placed in regard to the resolution. A good many of us felt that to raise any discussion on the question was to lay the council open to an imputation of rudeness which we would be far from intending, but at the same time we felt that in extending this particular invitation we were travelling beyond the bounds of our scope of operations, and that the matter could well have been left either in Federal or State hands.

I would like also to give publicity to the fact that, in regard to the proposition to establish a municipal free dispensary, no sooner was this passed than a number of us who were present immediately gave the formal notice to rescind, and the matter will come up for discussion at the next council meeting. I am, etc., ARTHUR A. C. COCKS.

Several pages of illustrations relating to Barren Jack Irrigation Scheme appear in the current issue of the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.



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THE SHARE MARKET.

"All the business done this morning," observed a habitue of the vestibule yesterday, "is purely professional. The public won't come in at these high prices. As in the case of every other commodity, the public is more disposed to buy shares when cheap than when they are dear." This remark was a testimony to the steadiness of prices. The "bears," who are nearly always willing to sell cheaply the wares they don't possess, in the hope of buying them later on at a cheaper rate, and so making a profit, are very silent at the present moment. A similar state of things exists both in Adelaide and Melbourne.

The silver section was quiet, but prices were fairly well maintained in some cases. This will be seen from the fact that B.H. South, paid, sold at 83/, or /6 down, the contributing scrip at 74/, or /6 better, and B.H. South Blocks 15/4½, /3 advance. But British Broken Hill (new) sold at 15/6, a decline 2/6.

Copper interests were noticeable by the remarkable firmness of Mount Morgan scrip, transactions being booked at 68/, an advance of 1/6. Lobb's Hole were unchanged at 10/; O.K. Copper sold weakly; Budgery Mines, paid, improved /2; but Mount Molloys are still on the down-grade. Chillagoes and M'Gregors were not in much request, but there were inquiries for Grafton Copper. Kyloe, contg. Wallaroo and Moonta. Hampden buyers slackened off considerably, but sellers would not make a concession on late rates, in view of good London buyers. Mount Elliotts were not mentioned, though the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday quoted advanced buyers.

Both tin and gold stocks were exceedingly quiet up to noon.

Business was almost at a standstill during the afternoon. In the case of the few sales recorded in Broken Hill silver shares, both the paid and contributing shares in B.H. Souths were exchanged at a slight decrease on the morning rates, the same being the case with B.H. Junction Norths, but British Broken Hill (new) remained unaltered. In the copper section business was almost at a standstill. Tin shares commanded very little attention, whilst gold stocks were represented by slightly weak sales of Occidentals, with firm transactions in Harden West (paid).

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s. d.	Sellers. £ s. d.
COPPER.		
Bogan River	—	0 3 6
Bulgery Mines	0 3 9	0 4 1
Chillagoe (contg.)	0 4 10	0 5 4
Girilambone Mining	—	0 1 0
Grafton	1 8 6	1 12 6
Hampden-Cloncurry, paid	0 12 0	0 13 3
Lloyd Copper	0 5 0	0 5 6
Lobb's Hole	0 9 8	0 10 0
Ditto, contributing	0 5 2	—
M'Gregor-Cloncurry, paid	0 3 9	0 4 0
Mount Cannindah	0 0 6	—
Mount Molloy	0 5 9	0 6 9
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 6 6	0 7 2
O. K.	0 4 10	0 5 0
Queen Bee	0 10 0	0 11 2
Roebourne	—	0 4 6
Wallaroo and Moonta	1 14 6	1 15 6
Kyloe	0 5 2	—
Ditto, contg.	0 3 0	0 3 6
TIN.		
Dalziell's Tin Mines	0 1 4	0 1 8
Gilmore	0 5 4	0 5 7
Smith's Creek Proprietary	0 3 6	0 4 6
Vulcan	0 5 0	0 5 3
SILVER.		
New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 16 0	—
Ditto, Privileged	0 15 0	0 16 0
Broken Hill Proprietary	3 1 0	3 4 6
Ditto, Block 10	3 0 0	—
Ditto, Block 14	0 16 0	0 18 6
Ditto, preference	0 16 0	0 18 3
B. H. Junction	0 1 8	—
B. H. Junction, North	0 17 10	0 18 0
B. H. South	4 1 6	4 3 0
B. H. South, contributing	3 12 6	3 14 0
B. H. South Blocks	0 15 0	0 15 9
C. S. A. Mines, paid	—	1 0 0
Sulphide Corporation (ordinary)	0 10 6	0 11 6
GOLD.		
New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 5 1	0 5 3
Harden	1 4 0	—
Harden Central (paid)	0 2 0	—
Harden West	0 2 10½	0 3 0
Mount David	0 3 9	0 4 2
Mount Drysdale	0 2 6	0 5 0
Myall and Peak Hill (paid)	0 0 9	—
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 8 9	0 9 0
Occidental	0 7 9	0 8 3
Sunlight	0 0 10	0 1 3
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated Tin	—	0 4 6
Araluen Central	0 6 6	0 6 8
Associated Gold Dredging	—	0 4 6
Buckland River South, Extended	—	0 4 6
Cope's Creek	—	0 7 0
Elrington	—	0 2 0
Jembaicumbene	—	0 2 0
New Wylie Creek	0 3 9	0 6 0
Reform Tin (paid)	0 1 3	0 2 6
Tingha Tin	—	0 4 6
Tasmania.		
Mount Lyell	1 9 0	—
Queensland.		
Charters Towers, etc.		
Brilliant, Central	0 1 6	—
Brilliant Extended, contributing	0 4 8	—
Mount Morgan	3 7 6	3 8 6
Ruby	0 2 6	0 2 10
Victory	—	0 1 0
Gympie.		
Columbia Extended	—	0 3 9
Great Northern, contg.	—	0 6 6
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1	0 1 0	0 2 0
North Smithfield	0 4 0	0 6 0
Oriental and Glanmire	—	0 5 6
South Glanmire and Monkland	—	0 1 9
South Great Eastern, No. 2	—	0 2 6
South Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	—	0 2 0
Great Western	—	0 2 0
Western Australia.		
Associated	—	0 18 0
Black Range	—	1 7 0
Great Boulder	—	1 4 6
Ditto, No. 1	—	0 4 3
Kalgurli	0 15 0	0 16 0

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper: Mount Morgan, 68/; Lobb's Hole (paid), 10/; O.K. Copper, six weeks, 4/10; Budgery Mines (paid), two months, 3/8; ordinary, 3/6; Mount Molloy, 6/.

Silver: B.H. South, cont., six weeks, 73/, 73/6; ordinary, 74/; ex dividend, 72/; cum. dividend, 74/; B.H. South Blocks, 15/4½; B.H. South (paid), 83/; British Broken Hill (new), 15/6.

Tin: Nil.

Gold: No. 2 South Great Eastern, 1/11.

AFTERNOON.

Copper: Budgery, paid, two weeks, 4/8; Mount Molloy, 6/.

Silver: B.H. South, contg, 73/6, 73/; B.H. Junction North, six weeks, 17/9; ordinary, 18/; one month, 17/9; B.H. South, paid, 82/6, 82/3, six weeks 82/6; British, new, 15/6.

Gold: Occidental, 8/; Harden West, paid, 3/.

MINING NOTES.

The North Smithfield Company (Gympie), has declared a dividend of /4 per share, payable to-morrow.

The manager of the Kyloe Copper Mine telegraphs that the furnace is running splendidly, making 50 per cent. matte at the first smelting.

For the week ended January 30, the Smith's Creek Proprietary Tin Mines (Q.) milled 195 tons for 5 tons of black tin. Stoping is going on in both the 200ft and 300ft levels.

A telegram received yesterday stated that the Mararoa Company (W.A.) has crushed 945 tons for 513oz of bullion. The value of 1050 tons of sand, including 400 tons of accumulated tailings, is given as £1020.

Last week the Cope's Creek Central Dredging Company operated on overburden. Some good seams of tin are showing in the bottom wash.

The following is the return of lot No. 9, silver-lead ore, forwarded from the Cobar-Peak Silver Mining Company to the Sulphide Corporation, Cockle Creek:—Weight, 19 tons 16cwt; assay—gold, 1dwt 12gr; silver, 33oz 8dwt; lead, 22.4 per cent. This realised £78/9/1, viz., £3/19/6 per ton, with silver at 2/0½, and lead £14/7/6.

Private cables state that amongst the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday were the following:—British (old), b 16/7½; B.H. Proprietary, b 61/9; B.H. South (paid), b 79/6; Zinc Corporation, 3/6 (m); B.H. North, b 39/6; Mount Elliott, b 53/; Hampden, b 13/3; Mount Lyell, b 29/3; Great Fingalls Consolidated, 26/9 (m). Copper was quoted at £62, an improvement of £1 per ton.

The Peter and Paul G.M. Co. (Gympie), a company lately floated in Sydney, had a meeting of provisional directors yesterday, when preliminary business prior to registration was discussed. A meeting of shareholders takes place next Thursday, a week or so after which date the sinking of the shaft will be started. The cutting of a reef in the B lease of the Two Mile Company is said to have an important bearing on the Peter and Paul Company, as the two leases adjoin.

The manager of the Mount Boppy Copper Mine reports for the month ended January 25:—"The water has been hauled out of shaft, and No. 1 winze, at No. 2 level, laddered and brace fixed up. Started sinking, and sunk 6ft. The winze is 62ft deep. From the middle of the winze to the south end is in solid yellow ore of the full width; the other 6ft to the north end is a little drossy. The good ore is being dressed from. Will send 25 tons ore to smelters towards the end of present month."

According to the report of the manager of the Great Northern Company (Gympie), the No. 1 crosscut is being carried in to intersect another reef 150ft west of the shaft. The Empire reef is being driven on north and south from Nos. 2 and 3 levels. The most important developments have occurred in the rise on the Empire reefs, east of the slide, at No. 2 level. From 30ft to 36ft up, nice coarse gold was obtained. After being broken by a felsite sheet, the reef was picked up again, and carried very coarse gold, the best seen in the mine. The manager says he has about 3½ candle-boxes of stone, which he estimates carries from 50oz to 60oz of gold. A large amount of development work is on hand at present, and crushing stone, won during the progress of this work, is going into the ore bin at the mine. A crushing will take place when 100 tons are gathered. The acting manager says:—"The mine looks splendid, and will, before long, in a very practical way, demonstrate that the Two Mile is all that its friends claim for it."

The half-yearly general meeting of shareholders in the C.S.A. North Silver and Lead Mining Company will be held on Thursday, February 21. The position of affairs regarding the mine are disclosed in the following extract from the directors' report:—"During the six months under review the whole of the work done on your property was concentrated on M.L. 19, and though no payable body of stone has yet been developed, the prospects met with in the most recent work —the crosscut east at the 290ft level—are highly encouraging. Moreover, the latest reports published by the C.S.A. mines of the developments in their west crosscuts all go to show that your leases are very favourably situated with regard to the ore now being opened up by that company, should the ore-body continue its present course. Unfortunately, however, the available funds became exhausted just as this interesting stage in the development of your property had been reached, and your directors had no option but to cease all operations for the time being, and six months' total suspension of the labour conditions, which expires on May 19 next, was accordingly obtained. For the present your directors do not propose to bring forward any scheme for the resumption of work, but it is their intention to call shareholders together before the expiration of the six months' suspension."

MINING IN THE STATE.

MOLONG, Thursday.

Mining operations on the Yeoval field are proceeding satisfactorily. The Lady Lizzie mine has been granted Government aid at the rate of 30s per foot for 50ft sinking, while the West Lady Lizzie mine, owned by a Cobar syndicate, is down 90ft on good sulphides 3ft wide.

The Freehold mine has completed sinking the main shaft, and it is expected to cut the shoot of gold-copper ore found at lower levels, which gave 17dwt gold and 5 per cent. copper.

The Cyclops mine, owned by a Sydney syndicate, intend floating the property into a company of 75,000 shares.

TIN-MINING INDUSTRY.

GRIT OF THE TIN-MINER.

TINGHA, Thursday.

Some few years ago there were several very good claims at work on the Topper's Mountain run, but the low price of tin ore caused them to be abandoned until about three years ago, when Schuman Brothers started prospecting the lead. They struck payable wash. At present they are lying idle, as much as anything owing to the low price of tin, but it is their intention to make a start again shortly.

On the south boundary of the claim Orchard and Sons have been working for the past 12 months with gratifying results.

On the same lead Humphries and party have taken up two blocks, and after eight months hard work, during which time they sunk several ways, a very large bed of wash has been struck. The main drive has been carried on over 500ft, and the opposite side has not been reached. In some places there is 4ft of wash, and from the various prospects taken, averaging from 20lb to 50lb of tin to the load. They are erecting an up-to-date washing plant at the head of Stoney Creek, which can be worked on a very economical scale. They expect to beat about 30 loads a day, and we may look forward to weekly returns of a satisfactory nature.

On the north side of Humphries' block Baldwin and party have taken up a block in the hope of striking the same lead. The prospects look encouraging.

The Queensland company that started some months ago, about a mile further north, hoping to pick up the lead, has made considerable progress, but work has been suspended for some time. There is every probability that a fresh start will be made before long.

The Stoney Creek Syndicate, working on Rome's lead, near the old Phoenix, has been pushing on, and has lately been cutting a race from the bottom of the shaft to the face. Lately the wash has increased in depth, and is now between 2ft and 3ft. The returns have been about a couple of tons per month, and have only been sufficient to meet expenses since bottom was struck.

The Red Hill Sydnicate, which has been prospecting Conrad Bower's Red Hill property for a considerable time, has sunk several shafts without striking anything payable. It is now engaged sinking another shaft, and ought to bottom in the course of a week.

There is no doubt that during the next few months many attempts will be made to pick up the various leads in the deep ground, but unfortunately a heavy body of water will have to be contended with, and the working miner has not sufficient means to put on an effective plant.

THE YAMBULLA FIELD.

YAMBULLA, Thursday.

Mr. M'Kenzie has disposed of a third share in the Granite Boulder mine to Mrs. Hughes, of Yambulla, for the sum of £50.

A trial crushing at Haugh and M'Donald's battery from Higgins and Powers' claim yielded 12½dwt per ton.

The Talbringo mine has been taken up by Stevens and Gorman, and sinking is being vigorously proceeded with.

Owing to Haugh and M'Donald's tribute on the Duchess of York having expired, work is partly suspended, pending the procuring of a first tribute.

F. Lewis and Howitt are raising first-class stone on No. 6; the prospecting claim is now idle, pending a dispute between the owners. This and the partial suspension of the Duchess of York and the Yambulla mines is making the field rather dull.

BROKEN HILL MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Development work in the B.H. Block 10 mine is at present very confined. A rise from the 1315 level has met the level above, passing finally through ore going 20.3 per cent. lead, 15.4oz silver, and 20.2 per cent. zinc. Jig tailings are being sent to the Zinc Corporation, which expects to start work very shortly. The Block 10 mill last week treated 2847 tons of crudes, producing 488 tons of concentrates, worth 61.6 per cent. lead, 32.6oz silver, and 9.4 per cent. zinc.

The B.H. South Blocks mill for the month of January treated 7817 tons of crudes, producing 1396 tons of concentrates, assaying 61.6 per cent. lead, 8.4oz silver, and 7 per cent. zinc.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

W.A. mines: Associated, b 16/6, s 17/; Northerns, b 13/9, s 14/; Perseverance, 5/, b 5/, s 5/1; Boulder, 24/4½, 24/6, b 24/4½, s 24/6; Mararoa, 11/1½, b 11/, s 11/1½; Gwalia South (paid), 21/, 21/9, b 21/4, s 22/; ditto, pref. (paid), 30/6, 31/6; South Kalgurli, b 6/7, s 6/9.

Various: Baker's, b 5/, s 5/3.

Silver: B.H. Proprietary, 63/, b 62/9, s 63/; Block 14 (pref.), b 17/3, s 17/6; ditto (ord.), 18/1½, 18/3, b 17/6, s 18/3; British (old), 17/1½, 17/, b 16/10½, s 17/; ditto (new), 15/6, 15/1½, b 15/, s 15/1½; Block 10, 64/6, b 64/6, s 65/; Junctions, 1/9½, b 1/9, s 1/10; B.H. Norths, 40/9, b 40/3, s 41/; Souths (paid), b 81/6, s 83/; Souths (contg.), 73/6, 74/, b 73/6, s 74/6; South Blocks, 15/3, 15/, b 14/10½, s 15/; Junction North, 18/9, 18/3, b 18/1½, s 18/3; Zinc, 4/3.

Copper: Burra, paid, 1/3; Chillagoe, 6/4, 6/5, 6/4, b 6/3, s 6/4; Ruddigore, b 80/, s 95/; Hampden, 13/1½, 12/9, b 12/9, s 12/10½; Elliotts, b 53/, s 53/; Molloys, 6/; Lyells, b 29/9, s 30/3; Mungana, 7/, b 6/11, s 7/1; O.K., 5/, 5/2, b 5/, s 5/2; Wallaroo, 35/3.

Tin: Stannary Hill Debentures, £13/10/.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

To-day's quotations and sales were:—Catherine Reef United, 17/6, 20/, sale 18/6; Clarence United, b 7/9; Collmann and Tacchi (ex div.), s 12/6; Garden Gully United, b 27/6, s 30/; Horwoods and Burrowes', b 4/9, 4/6, sales 4/3; Hustler's Reef, b 27/6, s 29/6; Koch's Pioneer, b 4/; New Chum Goldfields, b 15/; New Moon, b 59/6, s 60/; Sea, b 8/10½; South New Moon, b 46/, s 48/, sales 48/; St. Mungo, b /9½, s 1/10; United Ulster (ex div.), b 16/, s 18/9.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Sales:—Two-mile, contg, 1/10, 1/9½; O.K., 5/, 5/.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

Quotations: B. Central, b 4/6; B. Extended, 4/11, 5/3; Carrington, 2/1, 2/3; D.D. Gold Mines, 1/1, 1/5; Mexican, 1/2, 1/4; Alexandra s 1/9; Mills' United, 14/6, 15/; New B. Freehold, 3/3, 3/6; Q. Cross, 1/3, 1/6; Q. Central, b 1/3; Ruby, 2/1, 2/6; ditto (paid), b 2/8.

Sales: Carrington, 2/4, 2/1; Mexican, 1/3, 1/4; Mills' United, 14/9; New B. Freehold, 3/5; Q. Cross, 1/5.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

Quotations:—No. 1 North Columbia, Smithfield, 1/9, 2/; No. 2 Columbia Smithfield, 10/, 11/; No. 3 North Columbia Smithfield, /7, /10; Columbia Extended, 3/, 4/; No. 2 South Great Eastern, 1/9, 3/; Great Northern, s 6/3; Great Western, s 2/; Oriental and Glanmire, 5/, 6/; No. 1 South Oriental and Glanmire, /11, 1/1; North Smithfield, 6/, 6/3; Two Mile, 1/9, 3/.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

Quotations:—Tasmania, b 11/, s 11/6; North Farrell, b 12/6, s 12/9; Victoria Zeehan, /4, s /8; Hercules, s 12/; Mount Bischoff, b £25/5/, s £25/15/; Pioneer, b 22/6, s 27/6; Mutual Hill, b 2/5, s 2/8.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Silver: B. H. Block 10, 64/, b 64/, s 66/; Block 14, b 17/6; ditto, pref., b 16/9, s 18/; British Broken Hill, b 17/, s 17/6; Broken Hill, b 63/, s 64/; Junction, b 1/9; Junction North, b 18/, s 18/3; South, contg., b 72/, s 75/; ditto, paid, 81/6, b 82/6, s 83/; South Blocks, b 14/6, s 15/; North Broken Hill, 41/6, b 41/3, s 41/6; Zinc Corporation, b 3/6.

Copper: Mount Lyell, 30/, 29/10½, 30/, b 29/10½, s 30/; ditto, Consols, paid, 1/4, b 1/3, Tasmanian Copper, 5/, b 4/9, s 5/; Chillagoe, 5/2, 5/3; ditto, paid, 6/3, b 6/3, s 6/4; Hampden, 13/, 13/1, 12/3, b 12/7, s 12/8; Macgregor, 3/9, b 3/6, s 3/9; Mount Cuthbert, b 5/3, s 10/; Mount Elliott, 53/6, 52/6, b 52/6, s 53/; Mount Molloy, 6/2, b 6/3, s 6/4; Mungana, 6/10, b 6/10, s 6/11; O. K. Copper, Adelaide register, b 5/1, s 5/3; ditto, Queensland register, b 5/.

Tin: Amalgamated Tin, s 5/; Briseis, 10/, 9/11, b 9/10, s 9/11; Cope's Creek, Central, b 7/6, s 13/6; Y. Water, 5/6, b 4/1.

Victorian Gold Mines.—Ajax, 13/9, s 14/6; All Nations, 5/3, 5/9, 6/8, 6/9, b 6/7, s 7/; Great Southern, b 20/6, s 23/; ditto, Consols, 6/, b 5/4, s 7/; Hustler's Reef, b 28/, s 30/; Long Tunnel, £5/3/, s £5/3/; New Dempsey, b 8/, s 8/10; New Moon, s 65/; South German, b 12/6, s 13/6; South New Moon, 45/, b 45/, s 50/; Spring Hill Leads, 8/, 8/9, b 8/9.

Western Australian Gold Mines.—Barrambie Ranges, 5/7, b 5/5, s 5/7; Black Range, 26/, 26/6, b 26/3, s 26/6; ditto, Great Boulder, b 24/; Havilah, 11/9, b 11/6, s 12/; Mararoa, b 10/6; Tindal, s 10/3.

MOUNT LYELL COMPANY.

REDUCED COPPER OUTPUT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Mount Lyell Mining Company's smelting return from January 2 to January 29 shows that 30,191 tons of ore were treated, being 21,221 tons from the Mount Lyell and 8970 tons from the North Mount Lyell mine. In addition, 1357 tons of purchased ore and metal-bearing fluxes were treated. The converters produced 561 tons of blister copper, containing: Copper, 554 tons; silver, 46,511oz; gold, 1546oz. The reduction in the quantity of blister copper produced was due to the converters not running full time. This was caused by the temporary stoppage of the process dealing with flue dust and middle products.

THE MOUNT LYELL FIELD.

QUEENSTOWN, Thursday.

At the North Mount Lyell mine, Nos. 18, 19, and 20 stope, ore bodies are producing well, the face of the latter being in splendid ore. There is also a good face of ore in No. 1 crosscut. At the Mount Lyell mine, favourable weather has permitted of the production of ore, and the removal of overburden, but for the latter work there is a scarcity of suitable labour.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 6.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, b 60/, s 62/6; Block 10, b 61/3, s 63/9; North Broken Hill, b 37/6, s 40/; South Broken Hill, b 77/6, s 80/.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Mount David Company, Feb. 1.—No. 1 level: Winch winze, south-west crosscut, extended to 42ft in porphyry; No. 2 rise extended 45ft; stone 4ft thick, of fair quality. No. 2 winze connected with No. 2 level, and stoping on stone 2ft thick, of fair quality. No. 2 level: Winch winze, south-east drive, extended to 318ft; new make of stone now 3ft 6in, carrying gold. No. 3 level: Winch winze, south-east drive, extended to 137ft, on good joint, with 1ft of lode material in face. No. 1 winze sunk to 12ft; stone 8in, of good quality; new main shaft sunk for week 15ft.

Brookman's United Company, February 1:—Main shaft sunk to 205ft; commenced grade of underlay shaft from 190ft. Owing to the influx of water, and the necessity of timbering both ends of the old shaft, a considerable amount of extra work has been done.

Mount Molloy, January 30.—No. 6 shaft, 80ft level: No. 1 winze still in rich ore 12in wide. 120ft level: North drive in 19ft. Face carries copper in bunches. 370ft level: North drive advanced to 296ft. Formation improving. 370ft level: No. 1 winze, east crosscut, in 27ft. Face is in lode material carrying a little copper. West crosscut from the winze in 17ft; passed through small seam of low-grade ore. North and south drives at 415ft level: Ore not so good, owing to intrusion of rock. No. 2 winze down 63ft; in rather broken formation carrying iron and copper sulphides. 190ft level: Rise shows improvement in copper contents.

POLITICAL LABOUR CONFERENCE.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

The annual conference of the Political Labour League was continued last night at the Trades Hall, Mr. F. Bryant (president) in the chair.

THE FISCAL ISSUE.

A motion was submitted:—"That the policy of high protection be a plank of the Federal fighting platform; that protection be made a plank of the platform for the Federal Parliament; that a prohibitive tax be placed on all goods producible in Australia, and that all revenue tariffs be abolished; that in plank 2 of the Federal general platform monopolies be specified and enumerated."

Mr. Holman moved that the next question be considered. If the party, he said, raised the fiscal issue it would be defeated by its enemies.

The amendment was agreed to without debate.

GRADUATED LAND TAX.

A motion was submitted on behalf of the Mudgee Political Labour League:—"That the details of the Federal graduated land tax be the same as the New South Wales graduated land tax." It was agreed to.

The Barrier league submitted a proposal in favour of the establishment of a Commonwealth small arms and ammunition factory, and the conference endorsed it.

PATENTS.

On behalf of the Leichhardt League a motion was submitted:—"That this league is of opinion that the existing Patents Act should be amended to provide no letters patent should protect any patent after the expiration of two years from registration unless the article patented shall be then manufactured in the Commonwealth.

The subject was, on the motion of Mr. Holman, referred to the Federal Labour Conference.

TORPEDO BOATS.

Mr. Flanagan (Phillip branch) moved,—"That this conference is opposed to the building of torpedo boats."

Mr. Kelly, M.L.A., opposed the motion. He argued that it was not expedient to let a horde of yellow men come into the country to cut the throats of the people already here.

Mr. Riley believed that in a few years airships would sink battleships, and they could have airships on the coast for its defence.

Mr. Thompson, as a soldier, did not believe in the blue-water school, and held that the defence of Australia should be a land one.

The motion was negatived after debate.

STOPPING FOOD EXPORT.

Mr. E. Riley, on behalf of the Sydney Labour Council, moved,—"That the Government should enact such legislation as to prevent the wholesale exportation of food supplies—principally meat, wheat, and butter—leaving such a shortage for home consumption that people are compelled to buy the remainder at high prices, the increased value going into the pockets of speculators." The farming delegates, he said, need not be alarmed at the motion, because it would be to their advantage. To his mind there should be a three years' supply of foodstuffs in the country before export was allowed. The price of bread was higher than it should be, meat was 400 per cent. higher than it was when he arrived in the country, and the price of milk had gone up because of the export of butter. It was right that the interests of the consumers should be considered and those of the farmers as well. The high prices were owing to the action of a ring of speculators.

Mr. Holman suggested that the words "wholesale exportation" be struck out and the words "speculative cornering" inserted in their stead. There would then be one or two consequential amendments to be made in subsequent portions of the motion.

Other speakers pointed out that it was impracticable to hold all foodstuffs for three years, and also suggested that the matter be referred to the Federal Labour Conference.

Mr. Riley intimated that he would not be against the matter being referred to the Federal Conference.

Mr. M'Garry, M.L.A., held that the putting into power of the principle contained in the motion would result in the producers being injured, while the consumers would not be benefited.

Mr. Kemp thought it was not so much a matter of export as the operations of Sydney rings that kept up the price of food requirements.

Mr. Lawrence moved as an amendment,—"That the Labour party use its utmost endeavours to establish co-operative flour mills and bakeries throughout New South Wales, in the interests of consumers of food, so as to prevent the exploitation of the people by combines."

Mr. Trefle, M.L.A., pointed out that to restrict the export of any foodstuffs would be to play into the hands of the local "rings." The only way to solve the question was for the Government to step in and abolish the middlemen.

Mr. Riley having replied, the amendment was negatived by 34 to 32 votes, and the motion was then defeated by 47 to 25 votes.

Mr. Cohen, on behalf of the Glebe League, moved,—"That the Labour party shall endeavour to cause the Federal Government to place an export duty upon all raw products leaving our shores."

The motion was negatived, and the conference adjourned.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

THE LABOUR COUNCIL.

The weekly meeting of the Sydney Labour Council was held last night at the Trades Hall. Mr. P. B. Marshall, the president, was in the chair.

A motion was carried that the executive report as to the advisability of asking the assistance of Labour members towards organising in the outlying districts in conjunction with the council.

The secretary's report was presented, covering the half-year ended December 31. This stated that the conference to be held at Easter marked another step in the onward march of unionism. It was regretted that the Minister for Labour abandoned the bill introduced during last session to provide for the payment of a minimum wage to juveniles in shops and factories when a majority of members wished to raise the rate from 3s to 5s a week. The visit of Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P., was welcomed as tending to form new links in the great federation of the world's workers. The return of Messrs. J. Storey and R. J. Stuart-Robertson, delegates on the council, to the Legislative Assembly, and the fact that the party now numbered 32, was a matter of much satisfaction. In conclusion, the term under review had been one of marked progress, and prospects were distinctly favourable to a greater accession of union strength, and the securing to labour of greater independence and wider influence than in the past.

The financial statement showed that the income had been £225 19s 4d, and the expenditure £178 19s 9d, leaving a balance in the bank on hand of £47 19s 9d. The trust funds raised during the period amounted to £532 0s 11d.

N.S.W. POST AND TELEGRAPH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the New South Wales Post and Telegraph Association was held in the Queen's Hall, Pitt-street, on Monday last, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. B. A. Hart; vice-president, Mr. A. Carroll (unopposed); hon. secretary, Mr. E. J. Alldis (unopposed); treasurer, Mr. M. O'Connor (unopposed); delegates to the Federal conference, Messrs. M. O'Connor and E. J. Alldis; committee, Messrs. A. Thorpe, J. Holman, J. B. Towner, E. J. Spry, G. Goodman, and A. E. Paine.

LABOUR LEAGUES' FINANCES.

PROVISION FOR THE FUTURE.

For three nights the conference of the Political Labour Leagues has engaged in discussing its finances, not so much with regard to things past as things to come. It was, in fact, contriving ways and means for future work, and on Wednesday night it came to some resolutions in camera, but did not finally dispose of the subject of finance. Last night it had a balance-sheet presented, showing the result of one year's working, and it appeared from this that the leagues had lived within their means and had a small balance in hand for the current year. The balance-sheet was adopted, after some debate.

Briefly, the debates of the three preceding nights were on some recommendations by the finance sub-committee in favour of alterations in the method of providing funds. One of these was that a capitation fee for headquarters' purposes of 6d per member be levied, the minimum amount payable from any organisation being 10s, the sum derived therefrom to be devoted to organising and propaganda work. The proposal was negatived, as the conference decided upon a capitation fee of 2d per member from all leagues and unions. Another recommendation of the special sub-committee was that the yearly subscription of leagues or members of trades unions should be 2s 6d per member for males, and 1s 6d for females, half the sum so realised being handed over to the executive. This was negatived, and it was held that the subscription be 3s, the leagues having the right to spend the money in local work, as heretofore.

The carrying of the motion for a capitation fee of 2d is a departure from the old system, when the contributions to the headquarters' funds were fixed as follow:—Unions with a roll of 200 members paid 10s a year; those whose members numbered between 200 and 500 paid £1; between 500 and 1000, 30s; and all unions with a membership of more than 1000 £2 a year.

THE POSTAL SERVICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Noticing the unusual number of complaints in your columns of late re delays and bungling in the Postal Department of this State, allow me to add my quota:—(1) A cheque posted to me by a Sydney firm during December last has not yet come to hand; (2) some relatives of mine posted a letter to me last Monday (20th inst) from a town on the Southern railway line, notifying their intention of visiting us at the end of the week. The relatives (unexpectedly to us) arrived on Friday morning, and the letter came in the afternoon. It bore the post mark of the town where it was posted—of the 20th inst—thus being three days overdue in the delivery.

There is evidently something radically wrong with the department in question, when one considers the number of complaints constantly hurled at the Post Office. The fact is, in my opinion, the G.P.O. is considerably undermanned. Personally I know of two officers who have nearly worked to a standstill with extra nightwork for months past (for obvious reasons I cannot mention names or branch). These two men, when they are not brought back to the office at night, have to take work home, and 11 o'clock frequently finds them still hard at work on office papers, etc., trying to cope with back numbers and bring their affairs up to date. Probably their experiences are also the lot of other men unfortunate enough to be employed in the Post Office—under a Federal P.M.G.

It would be more to the credit of the Federal Government if they passed over another £10,000—to the pressing needs of the N.S.W. Postal Department—out of their much-boasted surplus of a million or so.

I am, etc., ALFRED BARRY.

GRACE BROTHERS' 12 DAYS' SALE.

CORSETS AT SALE PRICES.

Model D: Our Special Corset, a nice medium length, in Grey and White Jean, straight fronted, extended hips, front and hip suspenders, 19 to 30 inches. Special Sale Price, 6s 9d pair.

Model C: A Great favourite, a Straight-fronted Corset for medium and full figures, stitched Jap. Front, extended hips, front and hip suspenders, 19 to 30 inches. Special Sale Price, 9s 6d pair.

THE MODEL STORE, BROADWAY.

MEETINGS.

TOWN HALL, CHATSWOOD.

TO-NIGHT, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7th,

at 8 p.m.,

MR. W. A. LLOYD

will Deliver an Address entitled

THE FALLACY OF NO-LICENSE.

His Worship the Mayor in the chair.

F. J. FOSTER, M.H.R., speaks Leichhardt Town Hall TO-NIGHT, 8 sharp. Subject: "Future of the Labour Party."

DAUGHTERS OF DERRY, L.O.L., 301.—Meet, in the Prot. Hall, Castlereagh-st, To-night, 7.45. Fruit.

TOOHEY'S, LIMITED.

HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twelfth Half-yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Royal Exchange, Pitt and Bridge streets, on FRIDAY, the 28th FEBRUARY, at 3 p.m., to receive the Report and Balance-sheet of the Directors for the past half-year and to transact such other business as may be brought forward in conformity with the Articles of Association.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th FEBRUARY, 1908, until the 28th FEBRUARY, 1908, inclusive.

By order of the Board,
J. MAURICE TOOHEY, Secretary.

Toohey's, Limited,
300 Elizabeth-street,
February 4, 1908.

THE JENNINGS DEEP LEAD TINGHA TIN-MINING COY.
No Liability.

The HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above-mentioned Company will be held at the Registered Office, 78 Pitt-street, Sydney, on THURSDAY, 20th February, 1908, at 5 p.m.

Business—
Report.
Financial Statement.
Appointment of Directors.

By order of the Board.
CLARENCE R. MOSS, Secretary.

GRACE BROTHERS' 12 DAYS' SALE.

MILLINERY AT SALE PRICES.

Our No. 12 Crinoline Hats, the most successful seller. Special Sale Price, 7s 9d.

Silk Crinoline Flop Hat, in Black, with Colours. Special Sale Price, 3s 11d.

Child's Silk Washing Hat, in Cream Jap. Silk, full tucked, detachable crown, full gathered frills, trimmed silk scarf and ties. Special Sale Price, 6s 6d.

THE MODEL STORE, BROADWAY.

WARWICK FARM RACES.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY. SIX EVENTS.

GREAT OUTING AND GOOD SPORT. COURSE IN PERFECT ORDER.

TRAINS.—Horses, 11.15; PASSENGERS, 12.17, 12.40, 12.52 (if required), 12.57, and 1.9, stopping at Strathfield and Granville.

THE Brightest, Rightest, most successful event of the Shoe Trade.—Fay's Sale. Pitt and Liverpool sts.

AUCTION SALES.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above.

On account WESTERN AGENTS, Orange. 20 fresh country Horses, comprising Draughts and Upstanding Light Harness and Saddle Horses, all the right ages, principally broken.

On account Mr. JOHN O'CONNOR, Hovell's Creek, Cowra.

10 first-class Horses, comprising three or four Draughts, and the balance good Upstanding light Harness Colts and Fillies, all 4, 5, and 6 yrs. olds, in good condition, principally unbroken.

On account of Messrs. CLIFT and CO., Hornsby. 2 Upstanding Horses, thoroughly broken, suit cab or grocer's cart.

On account Mr. F. FLOOD.

7 active Draught Horses, all thoroughly staunch workers, in hard feed condition, being sold on account of completion of contract; also a stylish and fast Grey Pacing Pony; and 3 Light Horses, broken to harness.

On account of Mr. RAY CRACKNELL, West Maitland.

10 strong Upstanding Light Harness Horses, all the right ages, thoroughly broken, and ready for immediate use.

On account of Goulburn Agents.

10 Useful Horses, suit business carts, broken and unbroken.

On account of Owner.

Bay Gelding, 5 yrs., thoroughly staunch and reliable, just out of work.

On account of Mr. A. LITTLEJOHN.

2 Bay Ponies, 13 and 14 hands, broken to saddle and harness; also thoroughbred Fleabitten Grey Gelding, 16.1, very handsome (bred by Mr. T. Cook, Turanville), pedigree and performances at sale, a splendid lady's hack, reliable in harness, and a good leader.

On account of Owner.

Chestnut Gelding, 16.1, suit a cab; Chestnut Gelding, 15 hands, and Bay Gelding, 15 hands, all broken to saddle and harness.

On account Mr. W. HARGRAVES.

Bay Mare, with Colt Foal at foot.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1321.

STYLISH PONY SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. T. WISBEY, of Campbelltown, to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m.,

Dark Bay Pony Mare, 3 yrs., 13.2, well bred, thoroughly quiet in saddle and harness, splendid mover, and used to trams and trains; Sporting Sulky and Harness, equal to new, making a neat lot.

CAB TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. SMITH to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m.,

Upstanding Bay Gelding, broken to saddle and harness, tram trial; Cab (No. 827), licensed, and Harness, in good order.

SPRINGCART TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m.,

Bay Mare, quiet in saddle and harness, used to town; Springcart, and Harness, making a good turnout.

WEIGHT CARRIER.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. H. H. ALDWORTH to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Grey Gelding, 16 hands, a perfect hack, up to 16 stone.

UPSTANDING HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. P. McCARTHY to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Bay Gelding, any trial, in harness, fit for any light work.

RELIABLE HARNESS MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. Hamilton to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Brown Mare, 7yrs, 15.1, very fast, quiet, and staunch in harness, any trial; suit a buggy or business cart.

BLACK MARE, BROKEN.

TO SADDLE AND HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. Harvey to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above.

RACING PONY FIELD BELLE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. S. GRAY to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 12 o'clock,

FIELD BELLE, Chestnut Mare, 6 yrs., 13.3, life cert. Kens., by Moorefield, dam by Prodigal, a winner in Melbourne and Sydney, suit the Indian market.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Smythe to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 12 o'clock,

"NOREEN," Black Mare, 6 yrs., 15 hands, by Mooredeld from Alma. Full particulars at Sale.

THOROUGHBRED MARE BY GERARD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Brown Mare, about 14.1, by Gerard from Bloom, by Lord Cochrane from Orange Blossom, by Julian Avenal from Bridesmaid; quiet to ride and reliable in s. and d. harness.

"LADY EPPY" AND "HOT GOLD."

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. Rowe, Braidwood, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

"LADY EPPY," Bay Mare, 4yrs, 14.2, Kens. cert., by Epinicion from Lady Fleetwing; also, "HOT GOLD," Chestnut Gelding, 3yrs, by Epinicion, from Lady Fleetwing. Full particulars at Sale. Also Creamy Pony Mare, 5yrs, by Little Dick, broken to saddle and harness.

"ST. MORION."

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

"ST. MORION," Bay Horse, by Yanko from Ormorei. Further particulars at Sale.

WARWICK FARM RACES.

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PONY STALLION AND TROTTING DITTO.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Black Pony Stallion, 3yrs, 13 hands, thickly set (bred by Mr. W. Woods, of Goulburn), by Sydney Dandy, dam by Young Dod; broken to harness, and a good mover. Also, Bay Trotting Stallion, 4yrs, 15.2, by Robert Emmett, worthy of special attention.

LADY'S HACK AND HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. O. Wansey, Randwick, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 12 o'clock,

Handsome Grey Gelding, a splendid hack, will carry a lady, and thoroughly reliable in harness.

HIGH-CLASS S. AND H. HORSE, FROM TAMWORTH.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Farrell to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Brown Gelding, 6yrs, 14.2, good looking and well bred, a champion hack and first-class harness horse.

PRIZE HACKNEY FROM WEST MAITLAND.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. Cracknell, West Maitland, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Bay Gelding, 6yrs, 16 hands, by Trenchant from an imported mare; a splendid hack and prize-winner.

2 SUPERIOR S. AND H. HORSES FROM TAMWORTH.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. Fuljames, Tamworth, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Bay Gelding, 6yrs; also Brown Gelding, 4yrs, Both show plenty of quality, and are broken to saddle and harness.

ST. MARYS

CATTLE SALE.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, FEB. 8,

AT 11.30 A.M.

500 HEAD. 500 HEAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by Auction as above. The following are the particulars of the various lots advised up to the present:—

100 first-class Dairy Heifers, 9 months to 2 years old.
15 Young Springers, 2 to 3 months off calving.
50 Very Superior Heifers, 18 months to 2 years old, well grown.
25 Springing Cows and Heifers.
15 Newly-calved Cows, with calves at foot.
125 Head, principally Steers and Heifers, 6 to 18 months old, and Store Cows.
30 Heifers and Steers, 12 to 18 months old.
20 Good Dairy Heifers, under 12 months old.
10 Poddy Steers and Heifers.
50 good Steers, 1 to 3 years old.
50 Heifers, 6 to 12 months old.

TRAIN leaves Sydney at 10.15 a.m., returning at 5.42 and 6.47 p.m.

THE SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS will offer Catalogues TO-DAY, at the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, as under:—SHEEPSKINS, at 10.30 a.m.; HIDES, at 1.30 p.m.

GEO. H. MOXHAM and CO. sell by auc. This Day, at Wood Exch., Sheepskins, 10.30; Hides, 1.30 p.m.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Railway Produce Saleyards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 1 sharp, Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Suckers, Carcase Pork and Veal, Butter, Cheese, Bacon, Eggs, Honey, Lard, Beeswax, Fruit, a large quantity of Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, Game, etc., 20cwt prime farm-fed Bacon, 30cwt pure Extracted Honey.

R. F. MURPHY AND CO. will sell by auction at THEIR SALE ROOMS AND YARDS, Thomas-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY.

Sucking Pigs and Carcase Pork, 1 p.m. sharp. Eggs, Butter, Bacon, etc., 2 p.m. Poultry, etc., 2.30 p.m.

C. J. TURNER sells at his Rooms, Valentine-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, as under:—1.15, Ducklings, Chicks, Birds, etc. 1.30, Eggs, then Poultry.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 11 A.M.

THE BEST SPOT IN THIS STATE, for Private Gentry and Trade Buyers of THE BETTER CLASS OF FURNITURE.

VERY HANDSOME VALUABLE MODERN APPOINTMENTS, in variety and first-class condition, at

THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS.

*** Special attention is directed to the DINING and BREAKFAST ROOM SUITES, Solid Oak, Walnut, etc; THE MAGNIFICENT SIDEBOARDS, of various sizes, to 6ft; SOLID OAK and OTHER DINING TABLES; SUPERB OAK HALLSTANDS, and others; TWO FINE OLD GRANDFATHER'S CLOCKS; ROSEWOOD DRAWING-ROOM CHAIRS and EFFECTS; SPLENDID CARPETS, LINOLEUMS, CURTAINS; FINE OLD VIOLIN IN CASE; TABLE APPOINTMENTS; INDENT AGENT'S SAMPLE LOTS; SILVERPLATE, CUTLERY, Etc; SUPERIOR WARDROBES, COMB. CHESTS DRAWERS, TOILETS; DOUBLE, THREE-QUARTER, and SINGLE BEDSTEADS; Large Quantity of Household Appointments and Requisites sent in for Unreserved Sale, in Various Estates and Interests.

MAGNIFICENT ERARD PIANOFORTE, FULL UPRIGHT GRAND LIPP PIANOFORTE, and THREE OTHER SPLENDID INSTRUMENTS, which will be offered for sale at 12 o'clock.

We beg to notify our numerous clients and customers at outside sales that these spacious salerooms are full of Valuable Effects for Absolute Sale, in

THE BEST SPOT IN THIS STATE, THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS.

An All-day Sale, with short stop for lunch.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, & HAWKINS, AUCTIONEERS and AGENTS for the VENDORS.

IN THE BANKRUPT ESTATE OF

PETER ROACH,

trading as

HOSEGOOD BROTHERS.

MONDAY NEXT, FEB. 10th, AT 11 A.M., on the Premises, 87 YORK-STREET, CITY.

The Second Sale of the Assets in this Estate.

By Order of the Official Assignee, W. HARRINGTON PALMER, Esq.

Large quantity of Assorted FRUITS and FLOWERS, CHIFFON, SILK VELVET RIBBON, LACES, TUSCANS, FEATHERS, STRAWS, HATS, LEGHORNS, etc., etc., etc.

CATALOGUES now ready, and can be obtained from the Auctioneers, or on premises as above.

ON VIEW TO-MORROW, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BARNARD AND CO. will sell by auction as above.

POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

Auc. Offices and Mart: 140 Castlereagh-st. Tel., 3778.

TO THE TRADE, PRIVATE BUYERS, AND OTHERS. UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, at 60 STANLEY-STREET, HYDE PARK, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, FEB. 7th, at 11 A.M.

CONTENTS OF 6-ROOMED HOUSE.

Piano (A. Bord), Walnut and Blk. and Gold O'mantels, Leather D.R. Suite (nearly new), W.F. Sideboard, Aust. Chairs, Tables, Cedar Comb. Chest, Chest of Drawers, Carpets, Linoleums, Bamboo Whatnots, Washstands, Sets of Ware, Bookcase, Double, ¾ and Single Bedsteads and Bedding, Dresser, Kitchen Utensils, and Hosts of Sundries.

ALF. EDGAR has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, from Mr. Broemer, the above, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS. ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

ALF. EDGAR, AUCTIONEER, 527 George-street.

TO SPECULATIVE BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, PROPERTY OWNERS, DEALERS, and OTHERS. GIGANTIC SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M.

THE MATERIALS OF 9 BRICK HOUSES ON THE SITE, HOWARD-STREET, OFF GEORGE-STREET W.

200 H.W. Joists, 6 x 2½, 5 x 2½, from 20ft down. 800 Rafters, 4 x 2½, 4 x 2, 3 x 2; a really good lot. 8000ft H.W. and Kauri Flooring, 2000ft Lining. Pol. Cedar Doors and Fr. Casements, P. Glass Panels. 45,000 BRICKS, 100yds. Minton Tiles, Flagging, Pol. Marble Fenders and slabs, Slate Steps and Nosing. Iron Girders, about 10 tons, all sizes. Enam. Slate Mantels, Doors, Boxframes, and Sashes. 1000 SHEETS GAL. IRON; a good lot, 5ft to 10ft. 20 Casks Cement, 10cwt Paint, etc. Cedar Balusters, Newel Posts, Folding Doors, etc. STOVES, SLATES, and a host of sundries.

A. BARNETT AND PUGH have been instructed to sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.

TO BUILDERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS, RESIDENTS OF CANTERBURY, TEMPE, ST. PETERS, ARNCLIFFE, M'VILLE, also DAIRYMEN and OTHERS. CLEARING SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS BY AUCTION, on the site of WEDLOCK'S well-known DAIRY, ILLAWARRA-ROAD, MARRICKVILLE.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, AT 2.30 P.M.,

comprising

300 Sheets really good Gal. Iron, 10ft down. 2000ft H.W. Joists, Rafters, Studs, and Plates. A good lot of Flooring, Slabs, Battens. Doors, Sashes, Rails for Fencing, etc, etc.

A. BARNETT AND PUGH have been instructed to sell as above, ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

FURNITURE.

THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, AT 11, at the HAYMARKET AUCTION SALEROOMS, GEORGE and BARLOW STREETS.

On account of the number of lots, Friday's Sale will henceforth be at 11 instead of 2 p.m.

Drawing, Dining, Hall, Double and Single Bedroom Appointments. Kitchen and Laundry Utensils. Gas Stoves, Tin and Enamel Ware, E.P. and Glassware.

Lace and Tap. Curtains, Pictures, Ornaments.

Linoleum for 20 rooms, 6 good s.h. Carpets. Cottage Bord Pianoforte, Aucher Frere Piano, Wilmer Piano, in A1 order. WITHOUT RESERVE. 50 Bedsteads, all sizes, Cots and Prams, China and Crockery, Etc.

E. HERDEN BRODRIBB, AUCTIONEER.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock, AT No. 5 VICTORIA ARCADE. THE HINEMOA, LUNCHEON AND TEA ROOMS, AS A GOING CONCERN, or failing satisfactory offer, in Lots to suit Purchasers, Comprising Tables, Aust. Chairs, Mirrors, Pictures, Table Linen, Cutlery, Crockery, Counter, Partition, Gas Range, Glass Linoleum, Cruets, Safes, Cooking Utensils, Ice Chest, and Sundries.

VINCENT H. KELSON, AUCTIONEER, is instructed by the Owner to sell, WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, 7th FEBRUARY, at the CITY MART, 8 SPRING-STREET, at 12 noon sharp. WITHOUT RESERVE.

Under instructions from the Importers, Messrs. THOMPSON, FRASER, RAMSAY Propy., Ltd.

400 Packages CEYLON TEAS.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., will sell by auction, the above.

THIS DAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK.

MIDDLETON and CO. are instructed to sell by auction at, 170 GEORGE-STREET WEST, near Shepherd-st, Marble Counter Case, first-class lot of Household and other Cutlery, E.P. Ware, Currycombs, Garden and other Tools, Crockery, Dolls, Fancy Goods, Mouth Organs, Tin Ware, Saws, Ironmongery, Purses, Books, etc.

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

Ladies and Gentlemen's New and Second-hand Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Blankets, Bed Clothing, Millinery, Ornaments, Cruets, Furniture, etc. NO RESERVE.

TO PARTIES FURNISHING, DEALERS, and OTHERS. THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

HENRY LEVY has received instructions to sell by auction, at 12 Rose-street, Darlington, a Superior House of Furniture, handsome Sideboard, Superior Drawing-room Suite, Carpets, Ornaments, Pictures, Bric-a-Brac, Dining Tables, Austrian Chairs, Safes, splendid Double H.T. Bedstead, nickel mounts, pair Toilets, Chest Drawers, Single Bedsteads, Washstands and Ware, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils. Terms Cash. No Reserve.

N.B.—Auctioneer's Office, 81 George-street West.

TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS. UNRESERVED SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS on SATURDAY, at 3 p.m., at Villa-street, Kogarah, close to Moorefield Racecourse.

100 Sheets, GAL. IRON, 6, 7, and 8 fts. 1000ft. H.W. JOISTS, 6 x 2½, 5 x 2½. 1000ft. H.W. and KAURI FLOORING BOARDS. W.B. Fencing, Lining Boards, Sashes, Doors, Gates. New Mistress Stove, with Boiler attached, etc., etc.

MITCHELL AND CRANSTON.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE.

ON TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, AT 2.30, ON THE PREMISES, MARION-STREET, REDFERN, adjoining Messrs. WHYBROW'S BOOT FACTORY.

JAMES COWAN will sell in lots, HARDWOOD and OREGON TIMBER and GALVANISED IRON, and Sundries. TERMS CASH.

THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, THE UNREDEEMED PLEDGES pawned with Mr. W. Berkman, of King-street, Newtown.

At 11 o'clock: Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.

At 3 o'clock: Sundries and Jewellery.

GRACE BROTHERS' 12 DAYS' SALE.

CARPET SPECIALS AT SALE PRICES.

Axminster Door Slips, fringed ends, 30 x 12, Crimson Centre, Gold Border, Green Centre, Gold Border, and new light Floral Designs. Special Sale Price, 1/11½ each.

Tapestry Carpet Squares, 3 x 3 yds, 21/; 3 x 4 yds, 27/6; 4 x 4, 35/; 4 x 4½, 39/6.

Axminster Squares, in specially selected designs and colourings, 3 x 3 yds, 43/11; 3 x 3½, 52/6; 3 x 4 yds, 57/11.

THE MODEL STORE, BROADWAY.

WORDS of Great Import to wise Shoe Buyers.—Fay's Shoes, Fay's Prices, Fay's Corner.

FACILE PRINCEPS. SEMPER IDEM.

BUCHANAN'S "BLACK AND WHITE."

THE WHISKY OF WORLD-WIDE REPUTE.

AUCTION SALES.

IMPORTANT FURNITURE SALE.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, at JAMES R. LAWSON and LITTLE'S AUCTION ROOMS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, AT 10.30 O'CLOCK A.M.

BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES in the Estate of the Late MARIA SCHACHTEL.

The whole of the FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, Removed from the Residence, BONDI-ROAD, WAVERLEY.

and IN THE SAME INTEREST.

GOLD AND DIAMOND JEWELLERY, including Lady's Half-hoop Diamond Ring, Lady's Gold Brooch, set with 7 diamonds, Diamond and Pearl Bangle.

Also, under instructions from F. R. WILLATOWSKI, Esq.

THE VALUABLE FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, Removed from CAMPBELL-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY.

SUPERB PIANOFORTE.

FULL-SIZED UPRIGHT GRAND, IN WALNUT CASE, SPECIALLY IMPORTED, by the Renowned Makers, SCHAAF and CO., FRANKFORT-ON-MAINE.

VALUABLE VIOLIN.

And the whole of the IMPORTANT AND VALUABLE FURNITURE (removed per Vintner and Co.) FROM A GENTLEMAN'S COUNTRY RESIDENCE, at WENTWORTHVILLE, near PARRAMATTA, including A VERY VALUABLE COLLECTION of the Late NEVILLE W. CAYLEY'S AUSTRALIAN BIRD PAINTINGS.

This Collection of the Late MR. NEVILLE CAYLEY'S PAINTINGS include UPWARDS OF FIFTY PICTURES, representing some of the finest work done by the Gifted Artist during his best period. As the Paintings are to be sold WITHOUT RESERVE, Collectors and others are offered a unique opportunity of obtaining an example of CAYLEY'S BEST WORK under special conditions.

WALNUT DINING-ROOM FURNITURE. VERY HANDSOME SIDEBOARDS, DINING TABLES. DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS. WALNUT BEDROOM SUITES, VERY SUPERIOR BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING, and GENERAL HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES, etc., etc., etc.

NATIONAL CASH REGISTER, Suitable for Hotel or Restaurant (3d to 15s).

OWING TO THE GREAT NUMBER OF LOTS CATALOGUED, the Sale will commence at 10.30 a.m. prompt, and be continued throughout the day.

ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.

JAMES R. LAWSON and LITTLE, FURNITURE and GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, AS AGENTS FOR THE VENDORS, WILL CONDUCT THE IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, as above.

AUCTIONEERS' TELEPHONE, 2056.

MANLY.

To Ladies and Gentlemen Furnishing, Connoisseurs, Collectors of Fine Arts, and others, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

Under instructions from Mr. G. HAMILTON HAMMON, the well-known Black-and-White and Watercolour Artist, owing to his intention of leaving Australia on an extended sketching tour.

On the Premises, TENNYSON, CROWN-ROAD EAST, QUEENSCLIFF, MANLY, overlooking Freshwater Bay, 10 minutes from tram at Lagoon-road.

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ORDER OF SALE.

CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m. THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

CITY.—Two Shops and Dwellings, Nos. 192 and 194 Castlereagh-street, near Park-street. Mortgagees' Sale.

CITY.—Three Houses, Nos. 238 to 242 Liverpool-street, and four Houses, Nos. 27 to 33 Berwick-lane, at rear, near Bourke-street.

DARLINGHURST.—House, No. 304 Victoria-street, between Burton and Liverpool streets. Executors' Sale.

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PADDINGTON.—Corner Shop and Dwelling, Oxford and Newcombe streets. Mortgagees' Sale.

MILSON'S POINT.—Superior Residence, Fern Hill, Pitt and Campbell streets, Kirribilli.

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ANNANDALE.—Store and Two Shops, Nos. 183 to 187 Parramatta-rd and Young-st. Executors' Sale.

WAVERLEY.—Corner Land, Macpherson and Evans streets. Executors' Sale.

RANDWICK.—Cottage, Erith, Silver-street. Executors' Sale.

ERSKINEVILLE.—Three Shops and Dwellings, Nos. 53 to 57 Erskineville-road, between George and Pleasant streets. Executors' Sale.

NEWTOWN.—Two Cottages, Nos. 1 and 3 Oxford-street, close to Railway Bridge.

LEICHHARDT.—Two Cottages, Nos. 16 and 18 Balmain-road and Macdonald-street.

PETERSHAM.—Residence, Otawa, Norwood-street. Executors' Sale.

PETERSHAM.—Land, Constitution-road and Jones-street. Mortgagees' Sale.

DITTO.—Land, Maddock-street and Jones-street. Mortgagees' Sale.

CAMPERDOWN.—Allotment, Rowley-street, West Kingston Estate.

LEICHHARDT.—Allotment, Balmain-road, Donovan's Paddock.

MARRICKVILLE.—Two Cottages, Hampden and Jersey, Silver-street.

BURWOOD.—Residence, Llanthus, Emu-street. Mortgagees' Sale.

DITTO.—Corner Land, Wentworth-road and Nicholson-street. Mortgagees' Sale.

HOMEBUSH.—Cottage, Lila, and Land, Abbotsford-road and Broughton-road. Mortgagees' Sale.

ROSEDALE.—Two Cottages, Windsor-avenue, near Enfield tram. Mortgagees' Sale.

EASTWOOD.—Four Cottages, Shaftesbury-road and Rose-street. Mortgagees' Sale.

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FUNERALS.

BROWN.—The Friends of Mr. IRWIN STEWART are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved AUNT, Miss Ellen Brown; to leave her late residence, 204 Commonwealth-street, Sydney, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for the Necropolis.
JOSEPH MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

BROWN.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN THOMPSON, and Messrs. DAVID, JAMES, ROBERT, SEPTIMUS, and WILLIAM T. BROWN, and Mr. and Mrs. AGNES MUNRO, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of tehir late dearly loved MOTHER, Mrs. Isabella Brown; to leave 8 Beattie-street, Balmain, TOMORROW (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
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CUNNINGHAM.—The Friends of the deceased, Mr. THOMAS J. CUNNINGHAM, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from the Morgue, Circular Quay, THIS FRIDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for the Necropolis.
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FALLON.—The Friends of the late MARY FALLON are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from St. Joseph's Hospital, Auburn, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Roman Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood. WILLIAM METCALFE and CO., Undertakers, Parramatta.

HARDY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN HARDY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Eva Gladys; to move from their residence, Fairfowl-street, Dulwich Hill, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Petersham Station, and thence to Necropolis.
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HARDY.—The Friends of Mr. DANIEL H. and the Misses ESTHER and LOTTIE HARDY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Eva Gladys, which will move from Fairfowl-street, Dulwich Hill, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Petersham Station, thence to Necropolis.

HODGENS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HENRY HODGENS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved DAUGHTER, Kathleen Florence; to move from their residence, Western House, Liverpool-road, Ashfield, THIS FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood, via Ashfield station.
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HUGMAN.—The Friends of Mrs. BARLOW, and Mr. and Mrs. M'PHERSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved DAUGHTER and their SISTER, Mrs. Eva Hugman; to move from the Sacred Heart Hospice, THIS FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery.
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OGERSBY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. B. OGERSBY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Grace Irene; to leave 19 Phillip-street, Waterloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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OLSTON.—The Friends of GUS. OLSTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Hannah Jane; to move from her late residence, No. 9 Playfair-street, Miller's Point, THIS DAY, at ½ past 1, for the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood. Deeply regretted.

OLSTON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM AVERY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dear beloved SISTER, Hannah Jane Olston; to move from her late residence, No. 9 Playfair-street, Miller's Point, at ½ past 1, THIS DAY, for Rookwood. R.I.P.

OLSTON.—The Friends of Mrs. CAMP and Mrs. SILVER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SISTER, Hannah Olston; to move from her late residence, No. 9 Playfair-street, TO-DAY, at ½ past 1, for the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.

OLSTON.—The Friends of Mrs. McWILLIAMS, Mrs. DICKENSON, Mrs. STRONG, and Mrs. EILERSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Hannah Jane Olston; to move from her late residence, No. 9 Playfair-street, Miller's Point, THIS DAY, at ½ past 1, for the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood. Deeply regretted.

OLSTON.—The Friends of AUGUST OLSTON and FANNY OLSTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved DAUGHTER-IN-LAW and SISTER-IN-LAW, Hannah Jane; to move from her late residence, 9 Playfair-street, Miller's Point, THIS DAY, at ½ past 1, for Rookwood. R.I.P.

TAYLOR.—The Friends of Mrs. WILLIAM TAYLOR and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER, William Taylor; to leave his late residence, 4 Doncaster-avenue, Kensington, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at ¼ to 1 o'clock (sharp), for Rookwood R.C. Cemetery.
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I.O.O.F.—PADDINGTON UNITED LODGE, No. 51.—The Officers and Members of above Lodge and Members of the Order are invited to attend the Funeral of our late Brother, W. TAYLOR, which will leave his late residence, 4 Handover-terrace, Doncaster-avenue, Kensington, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, for Rookwood, per Funeral Train. A. THOMSON, N.G.; ALFRED E. MILDWATER, P.G.M., Secretary.

WILCE.—The Friends of Mr. WARWICK WILCE, Sen., are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SON, John Gibson Smail; to leave Trequite, Croydon-avenue, Croydon, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for C. E. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Croydon station.
F. J. FIELD, Funeral Director,
Tele., 143 A. Ashfield.

WILCE.—The Friends of Messrs. WARWICK, Jun., and ELIJAH WILCE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, John Gibson Smail; to leave his father's residence, Trequite, Croydon-avenue, Croydon, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for C.E. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Croydon station. F. J. FIELD, Funeral Director, Ashfield. Tele., 143 A.

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LADIES' LONGCLOTH CHEMISES.
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STILL thinking of you, though you do not appear to think so. Love.

THEODORE TASSELL, who left Wye, Kent, England, about 30 years ago for New South Wales, sheep farming (or his relatives).—PERCY G. SUTTON, Box 86, Klerksdorp, Transvaal (late of Kent, England) would be glad to hear from him or family.

WILL WM. LEECH write to T. Marks, Terrace-rd, Marrickville.

WILL LADY inquiring for Nurse Sinclair, late of Glenmore-road, Paddington, please call for address 120 Palmer-street four doors from William-street.

WILL ANYONE knowing the whereabouts of LILLIAN RUBENS, late of Oaklands, Tasmania, communicate with C. LAW, care Donnison's Hotel, George-street, Sydney.

WANTED, present Address of T. HOLMES, Carpenter, formerly Star Hotel, Goulburn, supposed about Sydney. Will hear to his advantage from England on applying C. PICKLES, Whin's Wood, Keighley, England; or Mitchell Waddington, contractor, National-street, Rozelle, Sydney.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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BY young Woman, child 4 yrs., place as General or plain Cook, thor. know., refs. Capable, Oxf.-st P.O.

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We have just opened a "Special" Lot of SAMPLES in LADIES' COTTON GAUZE COMBINATIONS and VESTS.
LADIES' COTTON GAUZE COMBINATIONS, from 1/6, 2/11, 3/9.
LADIES' COTTON GAUZE VESTS, from 1/11, 2/3, 2/9.
A Very Special Line of CHILDREN'S TUNICS in Crash, Drill, and Galatea, from 1/11, 2/3, 2/11, 3/6.

SPECIAL SALE BARGAINS
IN OUR

FANCY DEPARTMENTS.

GLACE SILK RIBBON, All Colours,
5in wide, /5½ yard.
FLORAL CHINE RIBBON, Ass. Shades,
6in. wide, /8½ yard.
SPOT CHIFFONS, Ass. Colours,
10in wide, /10½ doz. yards.
TULLES, Assorted Colours,
Full Double Width, /4½ and /6 yard.
LADIES' CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS,
Per Half-dozen,
1/, 1/1½, 1/3, 1/4, 1/6.
LADIES' BLACK UMBRELLAS,
1/11½, 2/6, 2/11, 3/6, 3/11, 4/6, 4/11, 5/6, 5/11, 6/6, 6/11, to 21/.
SPECIAL.
REAL TORCHON LACE, ALL WIDTHS.
/2, /2½, /3, /4½, /5, /6, 7½, 8, /9, /10½, 1/, to 1/11.

LAST DAYS OF SALE.

EDWARD ARNOLD AND CO.,

OXFORD AND CROWN STREETS.

CLEAN SWEEP of MEN'S ENGLISH WORSTED TROUSERS, 3s 11½d; Striped Flannel Tweed Suits, 13s 11d. LOWE'S Men's Stores.

GRACE BROTHERS'
12 DAYS' SALE.
PAINTS AT SALE PRICES.
Blundell's Brunswick Green Dry, 7lb for 1s 6d.
Blundell's Coachmakers' Gold Size, 10s per gallon.
Blundell's Bronze Green Dry, 7lb for 1s 10d.
Blundell's Indian Red Dry, 7lb for 1s 10d.
Blundell's Burnt Tky. Umber in Oil, 4lb tins, 1s 8d.
THE MODEL STORE,
BROADWAY.

A PAIR OF EXTRA TROUSERS given free with every Suit to Order at Lowe's Clean Sweep.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF WAVERLEY.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 56, 1906.
BATHING ORDINANCES.
IMPORTANT NOTICE.
The Council of the Municipality of Waverley having acquired the powers of Section No. 109 (16) of the Local Government Act, viz., the construction, maintenance, and management of public baths, the regulation of bathing, and the observance of decency in connection therewith, the provision of life-saving appliances, danger notices, and life-saving attendants, and the construction, maintenance, and hiring by the council or other person to the public of bathing-houses and bathing machines, and the regulation thereof; and Ordinances having been gazetted, as per "Gazette" notice No. 6, of the 22nd January, 1908, NOTICE is hereby given that from and after 14 days from the date of this notice, viz., 30th January, 1908, any person infringing the provisions of the said Ordinances will be proceeded against as the law directs.
Penalties:—Any person offending against any of the provisions of the said Ordinances shall be liable on conviction to a penalty for every such offence of not exceeding £10. Any member of the Police Force or officer or servant of the Council may institute proceedings and recover penalties for breaches of the provisions of the said Ordinances.
JOHN CLUBB,
Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Waverley,
January 29th, 1908.

WHERE SHOPPING TOUCHES THE PURSE BUT LIGHTLY.

GRACE BROS.,
THE MODEL STORE, BROADWAY.

12 DAYS' SALE.

The opportunity for securing GENUINE BARGAINS, in the form of GOODS of ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE QUALITY at PRICES LOWER than they EVER COULD be under ordinary conditions, still continues at the MODEL STORE.
Already many thousands of wise and discriminating Shoppers have availed themselves of the chance afforded by Grace Bros.' 12 Days' Sale to secure HIGH-CLASS GOODS without paying proportionately high prices.
This great ECONOMISING OPPORTUNITY not only continues, but INCREASES to-day, for we have a greater abundance than ever of bargains to offer. We are determined to make this a Record Sale for value-giving in Every Department, and with this in view we have pursued our regular course of REDUCING THE PRICES OF ALL GOODS to an even greater extent than before. We do not only reduce the prices of small-priced everyday lines, but the Price-reducing Process is carried right through the Model Store.
Come To-day, Ladies, and assure yourselves that we are offering you really GENUINE and UNUSUAL BARGAINS in the following Specials—

LACE DEPARTMENT.

SPECIALS.
BLACK GUIPURE INSERTIONS. Usual Price, /8½. Special Sale Price, /4½ per yard.
BLACK, WHITE, AND CREAM YAK INSERTIONS. Usual Price, 7/6 doz. Special Sale Price, 3/6 doz.
18in. BLACK GUIPURE ALLOVERS. Special Sale Price Only 10½ yd.
BLACK AND WHITE GUIPURE INSERTION AND MEDALLIONS. All one Price, /4½ yd.
Wonderful Value in 18in. PARIS AND BLACK GUIPURE ALLOVERS. Special Sale Price, 1/9½ per yd.

EMBROIDERY DEPARTMENT

The continual rush for these goods has testified to the excellence of the quality we are giving in this Department.
Come and see the Values we are offering in the following Three Special Lines—
1. RIBBON HOLE CORSET EMBROIDERY, 18in. wide. Special Sale Price, /6½ yd.
2. ALL-OVER EMBROIDERY. We have reduced all our All-overs from 1/6½ to /9½ per yd., both in Muslin and Cambric.
3. CAMBRIC INSERTION, 2½in. wide. Assorted designs. Special Sale Price, /5½ yd.

FLORAL RIBBONS.

We are making even greater reductions in the Prices of these Dainty and Popular Ribbons, and we give a few of the Reduced Prices here:—
PRETTY FLORAL RIBBON, in good quality Glace, 5in. wide. Reduced from 1/6½, 1/3½, 1/1½, to /10½ per yd.
Another Line, 4½in. to 5in. wide, in Pretty Chene Effects. Reduced to /8½ per yd. from /11½.
A Special Line of PLAIN GLACE, in Electric Blue (Light and Dark). Reduced from 1/1½ to /6½ yd.
GAUZE RIBBON, in Black and Creme, 1¼in. wide. Reduced to /6½ roll of 18yds.

COSTUMES.

We are still offering our Three Numbers in KIMONO COSTUMES in Check and Striped Cambrics, trimmed White Cambric Insertion, at 7/11, 8/11, 10/11. Each of these is being sold at ordinary price; but to mark the Sale, with each is included a WHITE LAWN BLOUSE worth 2/6 and 3/6.
This has been a marvellous season for WHITE SKIRTS, and the Skirt Department of the MODEL STORE has had a Record Sale, naturally a considerable number get soiled, and those are being sold at ridiculous prices, viz.—2/11, 3/11, 5/11.
COQUE MARABOUT STOLES and BOAS. Usual Price, 7/11 to 10/11. Special Sale Price, 4/11.
OSTRICH STOLES and BOAS, 21/ to 37/6. Special Sale Price, 15/11.

CHIFFONS, SCARVES, &c.

We are giving truly Exceptional Values in these goods which have been greatly reduced. We have an immense stock, and shall be pleased to show you these goods.
FLORAL MERCERISED SCARVES, 80in. long, 12in. to 14in. wide, assorted designs and colours, suitable for evening wear. Sale Price, 1/6½.
MUSLIN EMBROIDERED PLASTRONS, V-shaped, in White, only four pretty designs. Sale Price, 1/9½.
A very large range of WHITE VAL. LACE COLLARS and PLASTRONS, all new goods and latest shapes, twenty different styles. Sale Price, 1/1½.
SILK HAT SCARVES, in light or dark floral designs. Usually 2/6. Now all one price, 1/3½ each.
WHITE CHIFFON SCARVES, 20in. wide, 2½yds. long, with 2 Colour Chenille and Velvet Spots at ends. Quite New and Smart. Sale Price, 1/6½.
PARIS GUIPURE LACE COLLARS, six designs. Usually 1/6½ to 2/3 each. Now all one price /9½ each.
TARTAN ELASTIC BELTS, with Gilt Mounts. Sale Price, /8½ each.
CHIFFON VEILS, with Chenille Spots, 1½yd. long, Black, White, Magpie, Navy, Brown, Grey, /7½ and /10½ each.
27in. POINT D'ESPRIT NET, Paris, /4½ per yd.
36in. TULLE, Black, White, Cream, Navy, Brown, Dark Cornflower, /4½ per yd.
27in. WASHING TULLE, White, Cream, Navy, Grey, /6½ per yd.
18in. EMBROIDERED CHIFFON, Black, White, Cream, Magpie, Jackdaw, /10½.
4in., 6in., and 10in. ACCORDEON PLEATED CHIFFON, Black, White, Cream; 4in., 1/11 doz., /2 per yd.; 6in., 2/11 per doz., /3 per yd.; 10in. 4/3 doz., /4 per yd.
1in. RIBBON PLEATING, Black, Ivory, Sky, Brown, 2/9 per doz.
4in. and 6in. MUSLIN FRILLING, hemstitched, and Lace Borders, White, /3½ yd.
42in. SILK RADIUM, Pale Sky, Pale Rose, Pale Helio., Light Navy, Lt. Grey, Cigar Brown, Champagne, Wine, Dark Wedgwood, Nil, Light, and Dark Cinnamon, /11 per yd.
42in. MOUS. DE SOIE, Rose, Helio., Maize, Light Turquoise, Champagne, Fawn, Cardinal, Salmon, 1/0½ per yd.
27in. SILK RING SPOT NET, Light Champagne, 1/4½ per yd.
18in. ACCORDEON PLEATED CHIFFON, Black, White, Cream, Royal, Sky, Turqo., Helio., /4½ per yd.
4in. and 6in. RIBBON CHIFFON, Black White; 4in. /9½ doz., 6in. 1/0½ doz.
20in. SILK GOSSAMER, Rose, Sky, Nil, Helio., Champagne, Turquoise, Cardinal, /9½ per yd.

OUR

MERCERY DEPARTMENT

is also brimming with bargains. This especially applies to the JUVENILE SECTION. We ask you to read the following prices, and to come and see the Goods that they represent:—
BOYS' SHIRTS.
BOYS' FLANNELETTE, C. and P. Special Sale Price, Size 4 1/4, 5 1/5, 6 1/6, 7 1/7, 8 1/8, 9 1/9.
BOYS' FLANNELETTE SHIRTS, better quality. Special Sale Price, Size 4 1/9, 5 1/10, 6 1/11, 7 2/, 8 2/1, 9 2/2.
BOYS' FLANNELETTE SHIRTS, bands. Special Sale Price, Sizes 1 1/, 2 1/1, 3 1/2, 4 1/3, 5 1/4, 6 1/5, 7 1/6, 8 1/7, 9 1/8.
BOYS' FLANNELETTE SHIRTS, bands, better quality. Special Sale Price, Sizes 1 1/4, 2 1/5, 3 1/6, 4 1/7, 5 1/8, 6 1/9, 7 1/10, 8 1/11, 9 2/.
BOYS' HARVARD SHIRTS, Collar and Pocket, very strong. Special Sale Price, Sizes 4 1/2, 5 1/3, 6 1/4, 7 1/5, 8 1/6, 9 1/7.
BOYS' HARVARD SHIRTS, better quality. Special Sale Price, Sizes 4 1/6, 5 1/7, 6 1/8, 7 1/9, 8 1/10, 9 1/11.
BOYS' HARVARD SHIRTS, bands. Special Sale Price, Sizes 1 /10, 2 /11, 3 1/, 4 1/1, 5 1/2, 6 1/3, 7 1/4, 8 1/5, 9 1/6.
BOYS' HARVARD SHIRTS, bands, better quality. Special Sale Price, Sizes 1 1/3, 2 1/4, 3 1/5, 4 1/6, 5 1/7, 6 1/8, 7 1/9, 8 1/10, 9 1/11.
BOYS' OXFORD SHIRTS, Collar and Pocket. Special Sale Price, Size 3 1/8, 4 1/9, 5 1/10, 6 1/11, 7 2/, 8 2/1, 9 2/2.
BOYS' OXFORD SHIRTS, better quality. Special Sale Price, Sizes 3 2/, 4 2/1, 5 2/2, 6 2/3, 7 2/4, 8 2/5, 9 2/6.
BOYS' WHITE MERCERISED SHIRTS, Collar and Pocket, All Sizes. Special Sale Price, 1/3.
BOYS' MERCERISED SHIRTS, Collar and Pocket, All sizes. Special Sale Price, 1/6½.
BOYS' HERRINGBONE STRIPED SHIRTS, Collar and Pocket. Special Sale Price, 1/11.
BOYS' STRIPED MATTE SHIRTS, Collar and Pockets. Special Sale Price, 1/9½.
BOYS' WHITE MERCERISED SHIRTS, Collar and Pockets, very fine quality. Special Sale Price, Size 4 2/1, 5 2/2, 6 2/3, 7 2/4, 8 2/5, 9 2/6.
BOYS' CREAM STRIPED FLANNELETTE SHIRTS, Collar and Pockets. Special Sale Price, Sizes 1 2/3, 2 2/4, 3 2/5, 4 2/6, 5 2/7, 6 2/8, 7 2/9, 8 2/10, 9 2/11.

BOYS' UNDERWEAR, SWEATERS, AND BATHING COSTUMES.
BOYS' NATURAL COTTON UNDERSHIRTS, ½-sleeves. Special Sale Price, 1/2, 1/4.
BOYS' NATURAL MERINO UNDERSHIRTS, ½-sleeves. Special Sale Price, 1/9, 1/11.
BOYS' NATURAL MERINO UNDERSHIRTS, with double breast, to button on shoulder, ½-sleeves. Special Sale Price, 24 1/9, 26 1/10, 28 1/11, 30 2/.
Long Sleeves. Special Sale Price, 24 1/10, 26 1/11, 28 2/, 30 2/1.
BOYS' NATURAL CASHMERE UNDERSHIRTS. Special Sale Prices, 24 1/10, 26 1/11, 28 2/1, 30 2/3.
BOYS' NATURAL SANATIVE ALL-WOOL UNDERSHIRTS, Guaranteed Unshrinkable. Special Sale Prices (½-sleeves), 22 2/4, 24 2/6, 26 2/9, 28 3/, 30 3/3.
½-sleeves, Extra Quality. Special Sale Price, 22 3/9, 24 4/, 26 4/3, 28 4/6, 30 4/9.
BOYS' NAVY BATHING COSTUMES, to button on shoulder, "The Coogee." Special Sale Prices, 21 /10, 24 1/, 27 1/1, 30 1/3.
"The Manly." Special Sale Price, 21 1/, 24 1/1½, 27 1/3, 30 1/4½.
BOYS' NAVY BATHING COSTUME, to button in front. Special Sale Price, 26 1/9, 28 1/10, 30 1/11.
BOYS' STRIPED BATHING COSTUMES. Special Sale Price, 24 1/3, 27 1/5, 30 1/6.
BOYS' NAVY or WHITE SWEATERS, Polo Collar, for the seaside. Special Sale Price, 2/4.
BOYS' NAVY and CARDINAL SWEATERS, Polo Collars. Special Sale Price, 1/4.
BOYS' NAVY WORSTED JERSEYS, 20 1/3, 22 1/6, 24 1/9.

STAIR CARPETS.

IN NEWEST DESIGNS AND COLOURINGS AT SALE PRICES.
TAPESTRY, 18-inch. Special Sale Price, 1/7½, 1/10, and 2/4.
22½in. Special Sale Price, 1/10, 2/1, and 2/7.
BRUSSELS, 18in. Special Sale Price, 3/, 3/3, and 3/8.
22½in. Special Sale Price, 3/8, 3/11, 4/8.
27in. Special Sale Price, 4/1 and 4/8.
VELVET, 18in. Special Sale Price, 3/3 and 3/11.
22½in. Special Sale Price, 2/9, 3/6, 4/6, 4/11.
27in. Special Sale Price, 5/6.
AXMINSTER, 22½in. Special Sale Price, 5/9.
27in. Special Sale Price, 6/3.
A Special Line of Brussels Body Carpets, 27in, 2/9; Border to match, 2/3 per yd.

HOUSEHOLD REMOVALS.
When you are going to shift call at our Furnishing Drapery Department, and ask for particulars of our HOUSEHOLD REMOVAL SERVICE. We PACK everything, UNPACK everything, SHIFT everything, and RE ARRANGE everything in your New Home, doing all the work, and leaving you with nothing to do.
Why suffer all the turmoil and work Shifting when we do it all for you?

GRACE BROS.,
THE MODEL STORE,
BROADWAY,
THE HOUSE THAT KEEPS FAITH WITH THE PUBLIC.

SWEET BROS., LTD.,

"WHERE BIZ HUMS,"

NEWTOWN.

SUMMER SALE.

ATTRACTIONS OF PARAMOUNT INTEREST.

IT IS HARVEST TIME AT SWEET BROS.

SICILIANS

Double Width, in Shades of Navy, Marine, Electric, Sky, Moss, Myrtle, Browns, Nil, Cream, and Black. Regular 2s 3d goods.
SALE, 12½d.

PONGEE MUSLINS.
32 inches wide, Champagne shades,
1s 11¼ DOZ.

CRASH,

36 inches wide, for Boys' Wear, Skirts, Norfolk Suits, etc.,
STUNNING VALUE, 4½d.

REVERSIBLE ZEPHYR PRINTS,
Old Rose, Pink, Grey, and Navy. Must be all right at
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MAIDS' COLOURED COSTUMES,
Zephyr and Striped Cambric, full Skirt with deep hem and large Tucks, Bodice trimmed Embroidery or Lace. Worth 9s 11d.
SALE, 2s 11½d.

DAINTY FLORAL UNDERSKIRTS,
with full Frills, will call for Special Attention at 4s 11d.

LADIES' NAVY

PRINT BLOUSES,

Tucked, and fasten Front,
1s 6d.

FAMOUS

RIBBON CORSETS,

in Coloured Brocade. A Wonderful Offering.
1s 11½d.

WHITE LINEN SILK EMBOSSED

BELTS

are very right at
1s EACH.

LADIES' GUN-METAL AMAZON
BELTS
have never been sold at this price,
1s 6d.

LADIES' PLAIN HEMSTITCHED
HANDKERCHIEFS,
6 FOR 1s.

COLOURED CHIFFON

VEILS,

with new Silk Ruche, in Pink, Cream, and Moss,
1s 6d.

TORCHON LACE AND INSERTION,
Very Pretty, New Designs, from 1 to 2 inches wide,
1s 4½d DOZ. YARDS.

GRASS CLOTH,

Red and Blue Check,
8d YARD.

300 DOZEN

LINEN SERVIETTES,

Every one hemmed. Must be very cheap at 4½d.

COTTON SHIRTING,
Striped, a Tip-top Quality, is a Desperate Bargain,
3d YARD.

SATIN QUILTS,
10/4 size, a Good, Sound, Solid Article,
3s 11½d.

FLANNEL,

Cream or Natural, despite market conditions, we place before you for
6d YARD.

CORTICELLI FILO SILK,
All Wanted Shades,
1s 6d DOZEN.

BLOCK TAPE, A1 QUALITY,
6½d DOZEN KNOTS.

SHEET PINS,
300 Pins on a Sheet,
8½d DOZEN SHEETS.

SHAVING SETS,

Nickel Mounts, with Mirror Stand, Brush and Pot complete,
1s 3d SET.

SUSPENDERS,
Frilled Elastic, all colours,
9d PAIR.

FINE TURKEY SPONGES,
1s 9d DOZEN.

CAMPHOR BLOCKS,

1s 9d DOZEN BLOCKS.

MEN'S FANCY REGATTA SHIRTS,
Good Patterns. Regular Value, 4s 6d.
SALE, 1s 11½d.

MEN'S WHITE MERCERISED FASHION SHIRTS,
Well and Properly Made, All Sizes,
2s 6d.

MEN'S CELLULOID COLLARS,
All Sizes. Genuine Interlined,
3 FOR 1s.

BOYS' WHITE DRESS SHIRTS,
Sizes 12, 12½, and 13. Quite Right.
11½d EACH.

BOYS' DENIM BLOUSES,
Very Strongly Made, suitable for School Wear. Sizes, 2 to 10,
1s 11½d.

WE PAY CARRIAGE ON ORDERS OF £1 AND OVER AT SALE TIME OR ANY OTHER TIME.

SUMMER SALE.

SWEET BROS., LTD.,

"WHERE BIZ HUMS,"

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FRIDAY

AT

MARK FOY'S FAIR.

MORE

WHITTLINGS FOR MEN.

NOW is the moment to tackle the opportunity; TO-MORROW never comes.

MEN'S TUNIC or FASHION SHIRTS, in Fancy Striped Cambrics, Fast Washing Colourings, Soft-fronted, Starched Cuffs, White Neckbands, "Whittling" at
2/7½.

MEN'S TUNIC-SHAPED ZEPHYRS and OXFORD CLOTH SHIRTS, Soft-fronted, Starched Cuffs and Neck-bands, at
3/6, 3/9, 4/3, 4/6, 4/11.
ALL
in especially Good Designs and Fast Washing Colours.

MEN'S WHITE DRESSED SHIRTS, Linen Fronts, Short or Long,
3/3, 4/3, 5/3, 6/6.

MEN'S TENNIS SHIRTS,
Comfortable under any circumstances, Full Shaped, in White Mercerised Twill, with Collar and Pocket,
"Whittled" down to 2/9½, 3/9, 4/3.

Practically the same in
Fine MATTE CLOTH, at 2/9½.
These goods all bear the Hall-mark of "Our Own Manufacture," and need no bush.

MEN'S LINEN COLLARS,
in all Fashionable Shapes,
6/
A Dozen during the FAIR.

PYJAMA SUITS
Command considerable attention from

MEN

at FAIR TIME,
and FOY is endeavouring to meet them in their expectations this-wise:—
In FLANNELETTE, 3/6, 3/11, 4/11.
In COTTON OXFORD CLOTH, 4/6, 6/6, 7/6.
In CEYLON FLANNEL, 7/11, 8/11.
In CASHMERE, 14/11.
The range of designs is numerous and tasteful, without being pronounced or loud, and the sizes cover
Small Men's, Medium, Large, and Extra. Whilst they last they are yours, but there is no time limit.

MEN'S UNDERWEAR,
also, in Balbriggan, Merino, Cashmere, have been
"WHITTLED" DOWN
during [illegible]

MARK FOY'S FAIR.

A GREAT GLOVE SALE AT THE FRENCH GLOVE HOUSE.

The solid savings that can be effected at this great sale are bringing big crowds every day. Here are a few of the prices:—
3-BUTTON FINE SUEDE GLOVES, in Drab, Brown, and Grey. Usually 2/11; Now 2/3
2-BUTTON FRENCH KID GLOVES, a nice style, in Pastel, Beaver, Brown, White, and Black. Usually, 3/11; Sale Price 2/11½
12-BUTTON LENGTH SUEDE LISLES, in Biscuit, Drab, Grey, White, and Black. Usually, 2/11; Sale Price 2/3
BARGAINS IN BELTS.
KID SILK AND WASHING BELTS, a very good quality. Usually, 3/11; Now at 1/11½
SILK ELASTIC BELTS, the very Latest, and in becoming shades. Usually, 4/11; Now 2/11½
LOW PRICES ON
LACE GOODS.
PURITAN COLLARS, White Embroidered. Usually /9 each; Sale Price, 4 for 1/.
SILK JABOTS, very Dainty, in Sky, Pink, Helio, White, and Black. Usually, 2/11; Sale Price 1/6½
You are cordially invited to visit the sale and inspect the delightful array of attractive articles. The prices have been reduced with a deep incisive cut that will appeal to you.
LA MAISON PARISIENNE
(Axtens and Co.),
24 to 30 THE STRAND (inside), SYDNEY.

THERE was a young husband who said
To a friend, "It is sense you should wed."
When my wife said to me, "I drink INGLIS'S TEA,"
I proposed for the sense in her head."

EVERY WISE MATRON USES

INGLIS & CO.'S TEAS.

The Cup that cheers must be a good cup, and that's what may be said of INGLIS'S TEA always.

QUALITY, PURITY, and DELICIOUS FLAVOUR

are the cardinal features of Teas bearing INGLIS and CO'S name.

FIVE GRADES,
1s 1d, 1s 4d, 1s 6d, 1s 9d, and 2s per lb.
ALL GROCERS AND STOREKEEPERS.

WHERE WILL YOU BUY THE RING?

So many jewellery stores say their Wedding Rings are the best that it's really difficult to decide where to buy it.
The question for you to decide—is where can you buy the best Wedding Ring for the least money?
That question is speedily settled by a visit to H. F. SMITH'S.
Our Wedding Rings are extra heavy, well made—and when they are marked a certain carat you can feel absolutely assured that it IS SO.

EXTRA HEAVY 18ct GOLD WEDDING RING, well finished, 45/.
HEAVY 18ct GOLD WEDDING RING, 35/.
18ct GOLD HEAVY WEDDING RING, 30/.
18ct GOLD, good weight, 21/.

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ALL GOODS PLAINLY PRICED.
WRITE OR CALL FOR OUR LARGE ILLUSTRATED CATALOG AND BUYERS' JEWELLERY GUIDE.

H. F. SMITH.

"THE PEOPLE'S JEWELLER,"
480 GEORGE-STREET, Next Adam's Cafe, Opposite Queen Victoria Markets,
and at Brisbane.

CLEAN SWEEP of English Fur Felt Hats, worth 10s 6d, for 5s 11d; Black Hard Hats, 4s 6d. LOWE'S Stores.

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SOMETHING FRESH EVERY DAY.

(A SPECIAL.)
SHORT SUMMER WAIST,
in White and Grey Coutille, lace trimmed, 11-inch Busk, 9-inch Back.
Making an ideal Corset for Comfort during the hot weather,
6/11.

QUITE NEW.

MOST COMFORTABLE FITTING.

WE DELIVER FREE
TO ANY TOWN IN AUSTRALIA.

HORDERN BROTHERS,

SYDNEY'S LEADERS OF FASHIONS,
203, 205, 207, 209, 211 PITT-STREET
SYDNEY.

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CHRISTIE'S SKIRTS

AS GOOD AS

CHRISTIE'S UMBRELLAS.

A. & A. HORDERN,

695, 697 GEORGE-STREET,
HAYMARKET.

GREAT OPENING SALE.

LAST TWO DAYS.

BLOUSES.
Fine White Lawn Blouses, Embroidered fronts, trimmed Valenciennes Insertions and Tucks, three-quarter or long sleeves. New and exclusive designs, less than half real value.
Sale prices, 2/11, 4/6, 4/11, 6/11, and 7/11.
White Lawn Blouses, hand embroidered and V-shaped yoke, finished rows of Val. Insertions and Pin Tucks.
Sale price, 6/11.
Small Broderie Anglaise Blouses, with Fancy Net Yoke, with Motifs, elbow sleeves.
Sale prices, 7/11, 9/11, 13/6, 14/11, and 16/11.
Pretty Pin Spot Muslin Blouse, daintily trimmed Guipure Motifs and fine Muslin Embroidery.
Sale price, 7/11.
Mercerised Muslin Blouses, trimmed Swiss Insertion and half-inch Tucks, edged French knots.
Sale price, 12/6.
All these Blouses are quite new, and comparison of style, quality, and price is invited.
BRETELLES.
Glace Silk Bretelles, inserted Silk Strappings to Kimono Sleeves, all shades.
Sale price, 11/11.
New Shaped Silk Bretelles, edged Val. Lace, finished wide shaped Belt and Sash ends.
Sale price, 11/6.
Effective Chene Bretelles, wide Val. Edging, folded Belt and Sash.
Sale price, 2/6.
Coloured Mercerised Muslin Bretelles, with Cotton Maltese Insertion.
Sale price, 1/11.
NEW AND EXCLUSIVE GOODS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS AT BARGAIN PRICES.
FIRST AND ONLY REMNANT DAY.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

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HAYMARKET.

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